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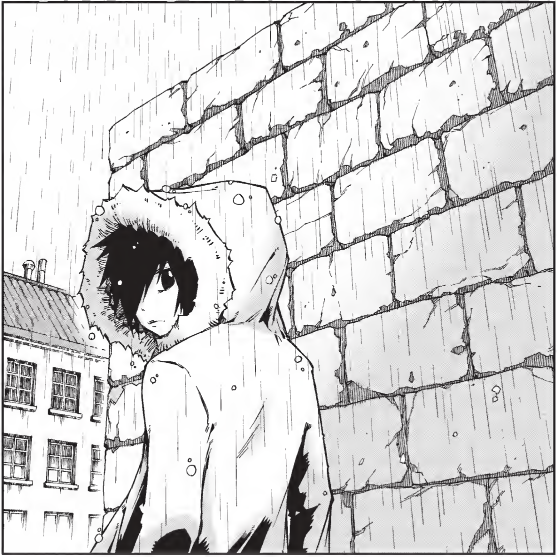

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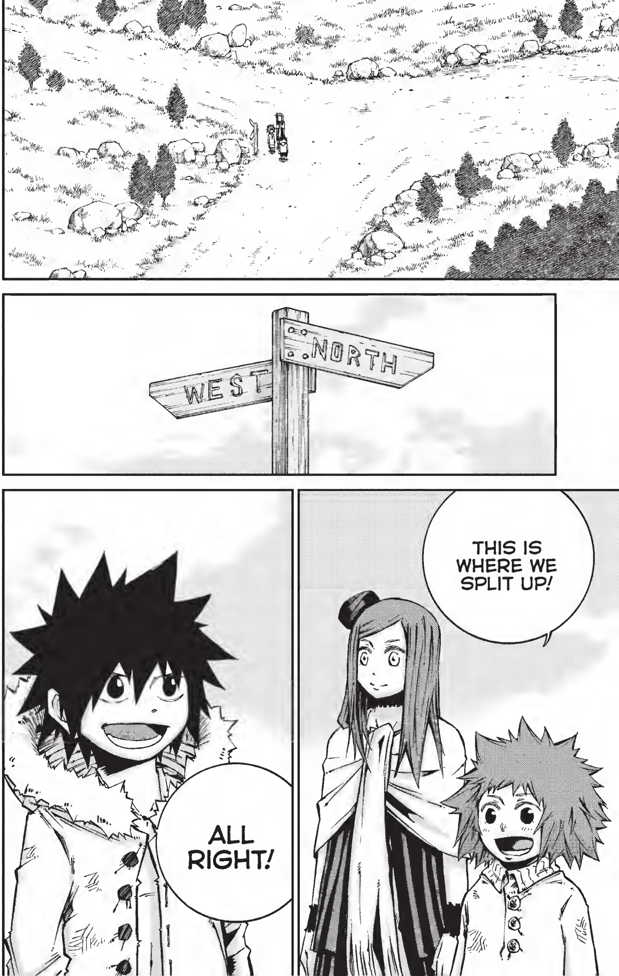
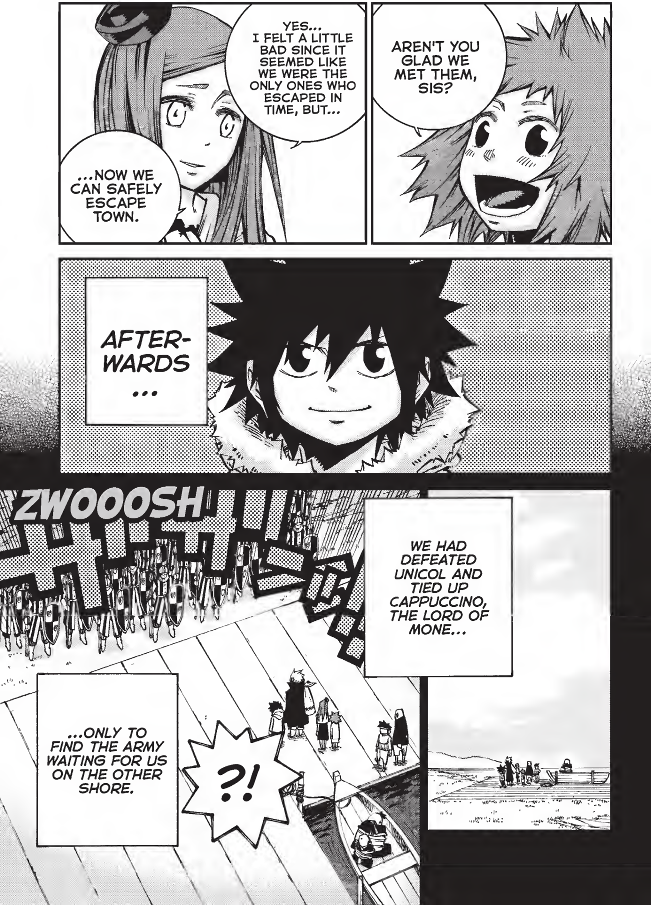
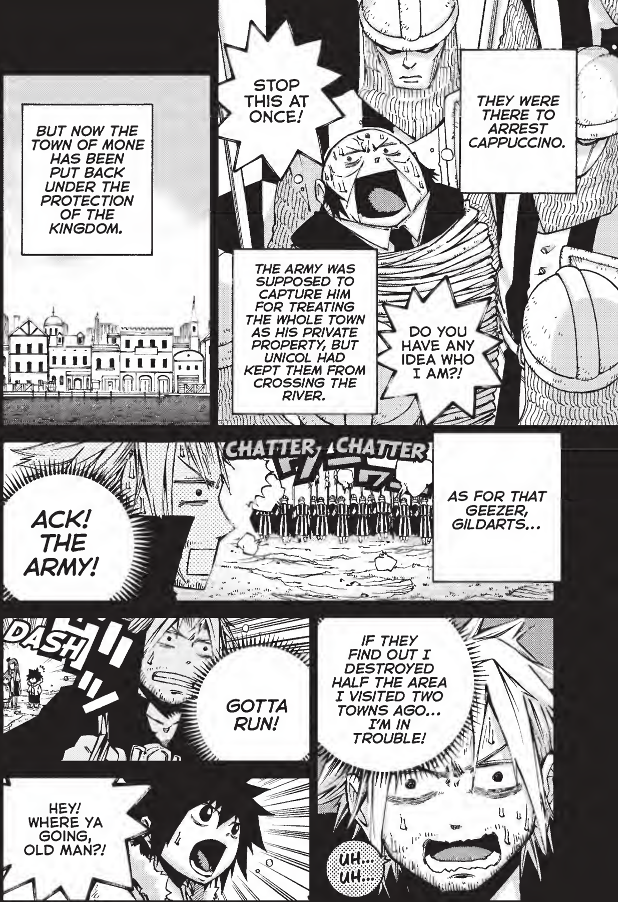
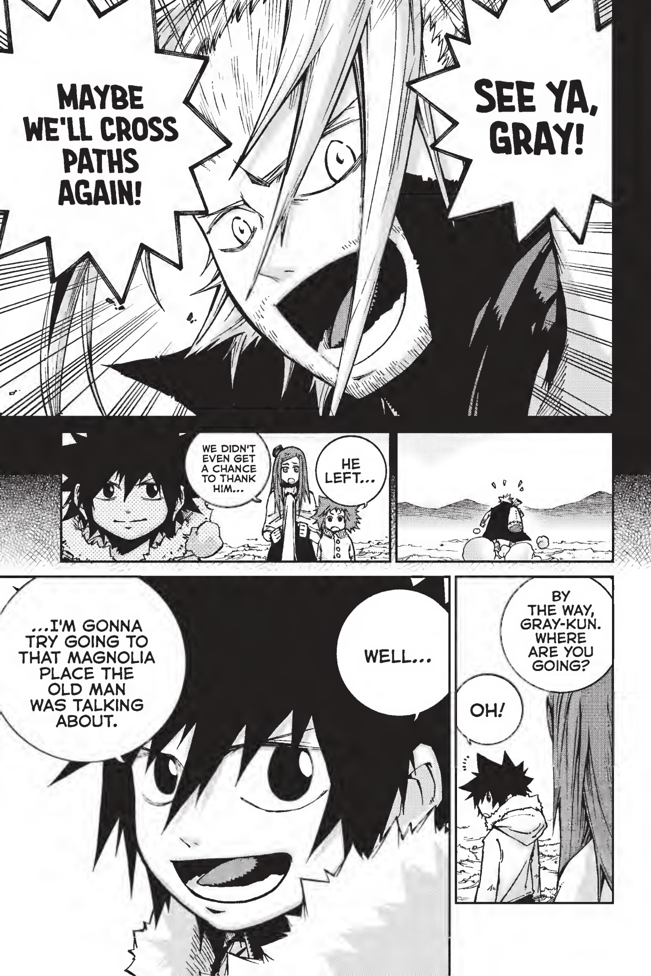
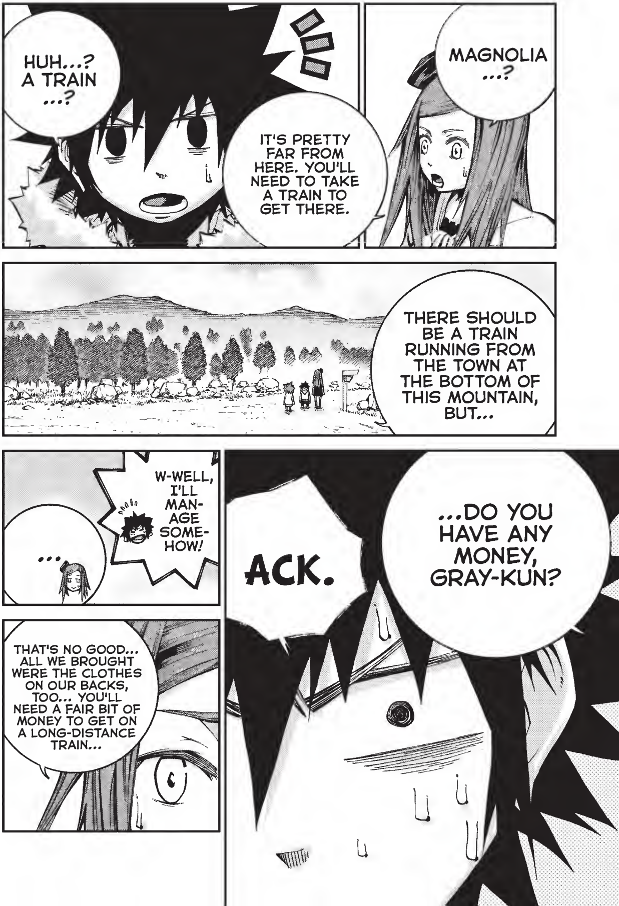
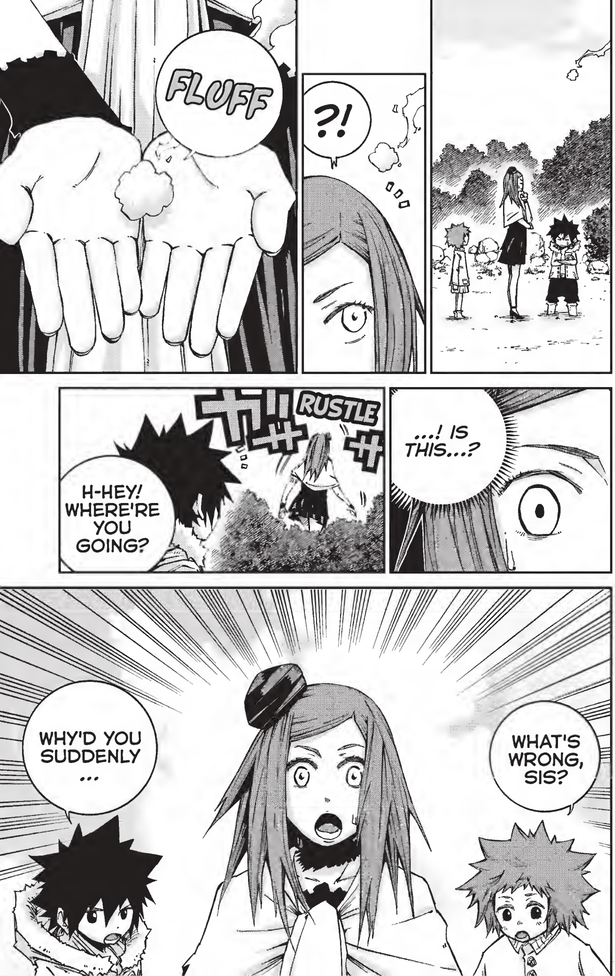

NORTH
WEST
THIS IS WHERE WE SPLIT UP!
ALL RIGHT!

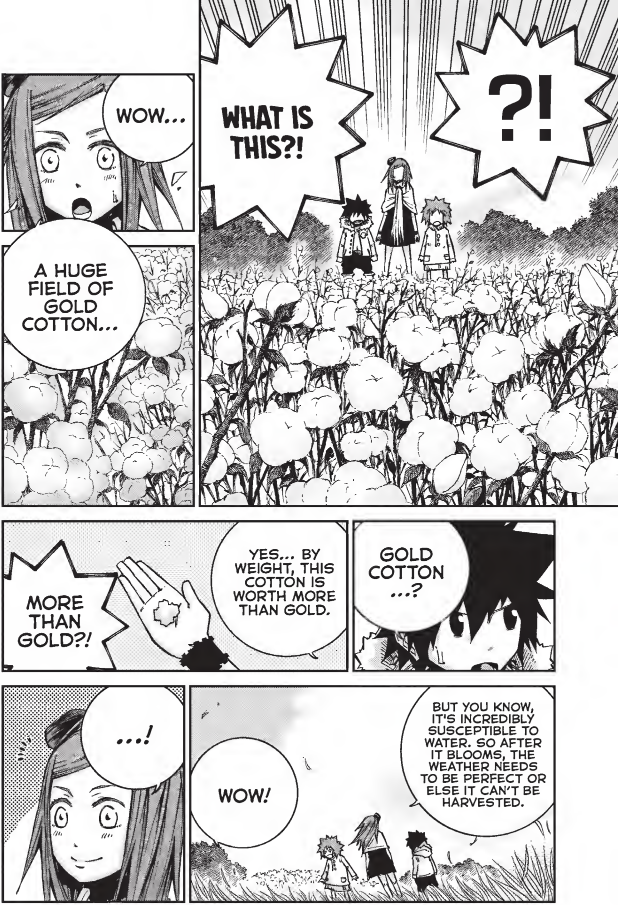

AREN'T YOU GLAD WE MET THEM, SIS?
YES... I FELT A LITTLE BAD SINCE IT SEEMED LIKE WE WERE THE ONLY ONES WHO ESCAPED IN TIME, BUT...
...NOW WE CAN SAFELY ESCAPE TOWN.
AFTERWARDS...
WE HAD DEFEATED UNICOL AND TIED UP CAPPUCCINO, THE LORD OF MONE...
ZWOOOSH
...ONLY TO FIND THE ARMY WAITING FOR US ON THE OTHER SHORE.
?!

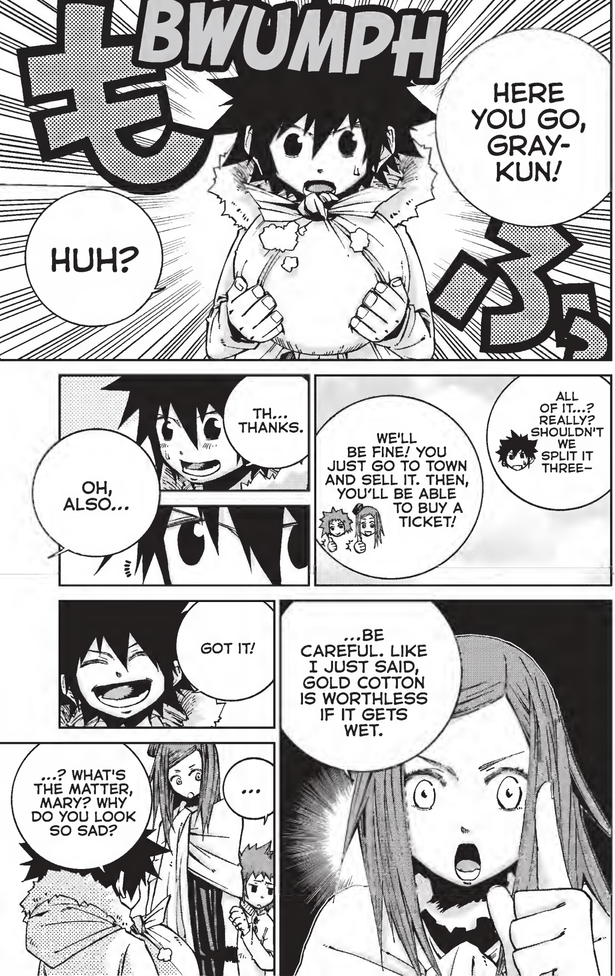

THEY WERE THERE TO ARREST CAPPUCCINO.
STOP THIS AT ONCE!
THE ARMY WAS SUPPOSED TO CAPTURE HIM FOR TREATING THE WHOLE TOWN AS HIS PRIVATE PROPERTY, BUT UNICOL HAD KEPT THEM FROM CROSSING THE RIVER.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO I AM?!
BUT NOW THE TOWN OF MONE HAS BEEN PUT BACK UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE KINGDOM.
AS FOR THAT GEEZER, GILDARTS...
CHATTER CHATTER
ACK! THE ARMY!
IF THEY FIND OUT I DESTROYED HALF THE AREA I VISITED TWO TOWNS AGO... I'M IN TROUBLE!
UH... UH...
DASH
GOTTA RUN!
HEY! WHERE YA GOING, OLD MAN?!

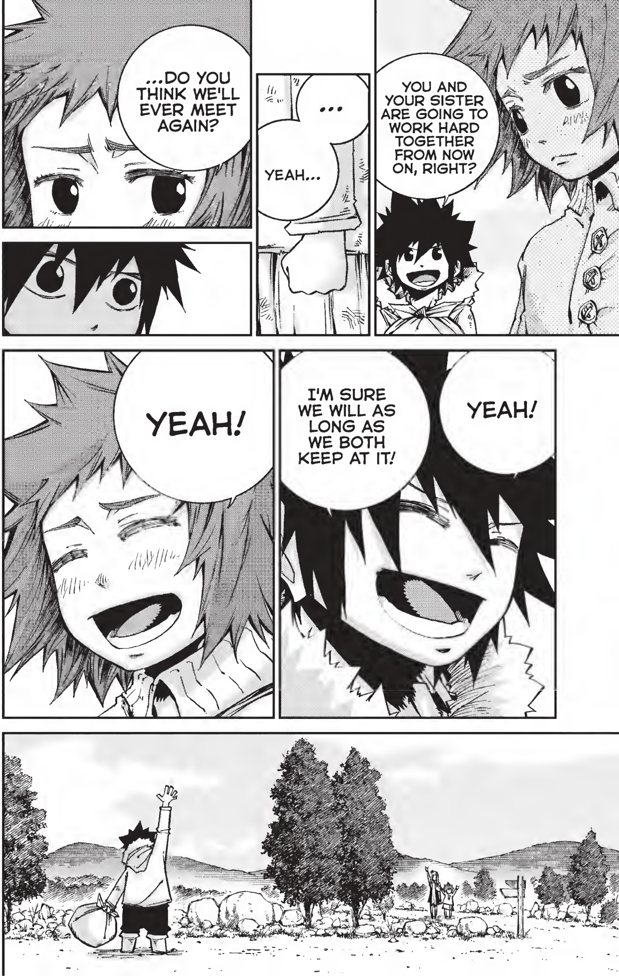

SEE YA, GRAY!
MAYBE WE'LL CROSS PATHS AGAIN!
HE LEFT...
WE DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE TO THANK HIM...
BY THE WAY, GRAY-KUN. WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
OH!
WELL...
...I'M GONNA TRY GOING TO THAT MAGNOLIA PLACE THE OLD MAN WAS TALKING ABOUT.

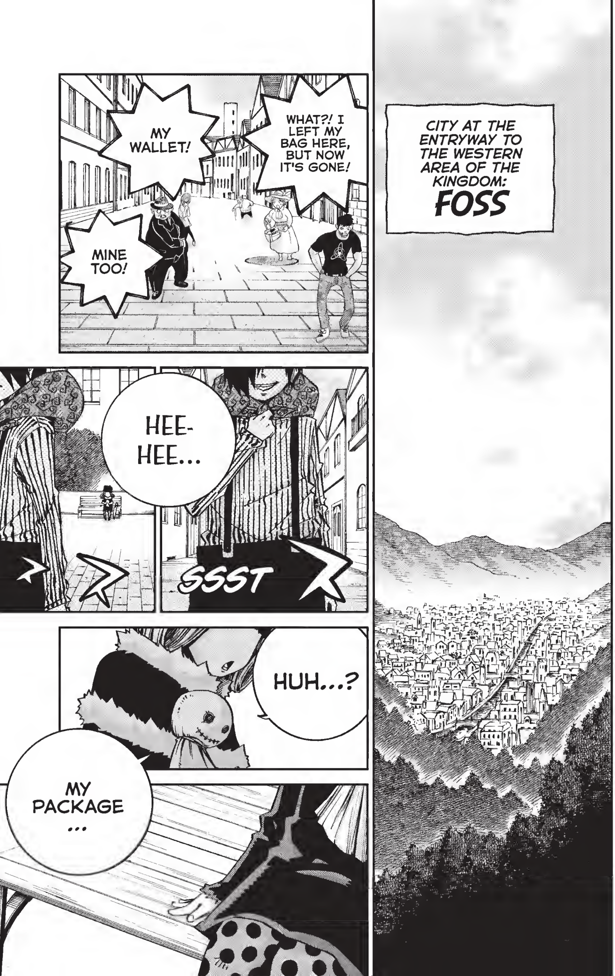

MAGNOLIA ...?
IT'S PRETTY FAR FROM HERE. YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE A TRAIN TO GET THERE.
HUH...? A TRAIN ...?
THERE SHOULD BE A TRAIN RUNNING FROM THE TOWN AT THE BOTTOM OF THIS MOUNTAIN, BUT...
...DO YOU HAVE ANY MONEY, GRAY-KUN?
ACK.
W-WELL, I'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW!
...
THAT'S NO GOOD... ALL WE BROUGHT WERE THE CLOTHES ON OUR BACKS, TOO... YOU'LL NEED A FAIR BIT OF MONEY TO GET ON A LONG-DISTANCE TRAIN...

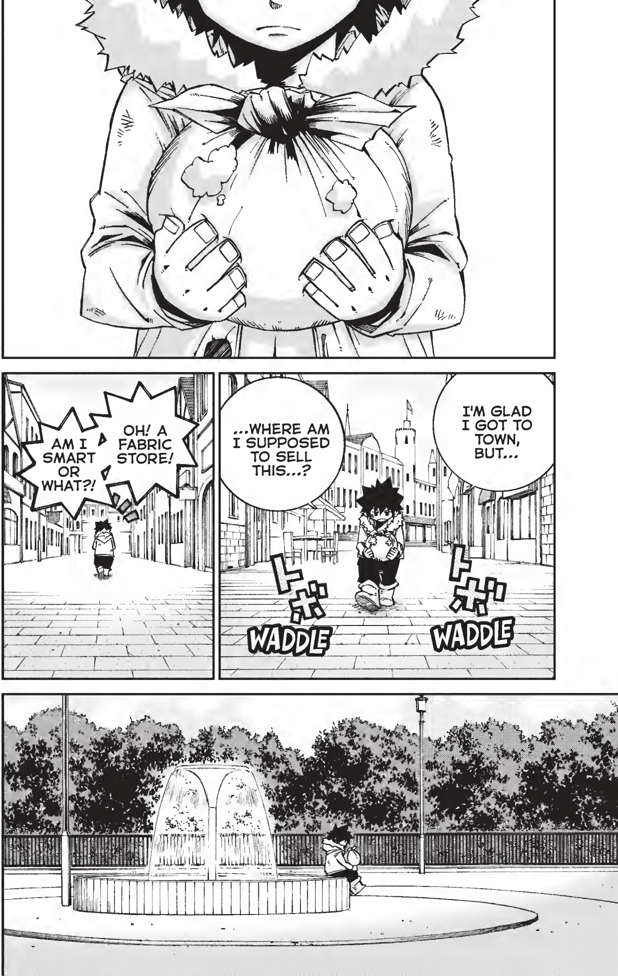

?!
FLUFF
...! IS THIS...?
RUSTLE
H-HEY! WHERE'RE YOU GOING?
WHAT'S WRONG, SIS?
WHY'D YOU SUDDENLY ...

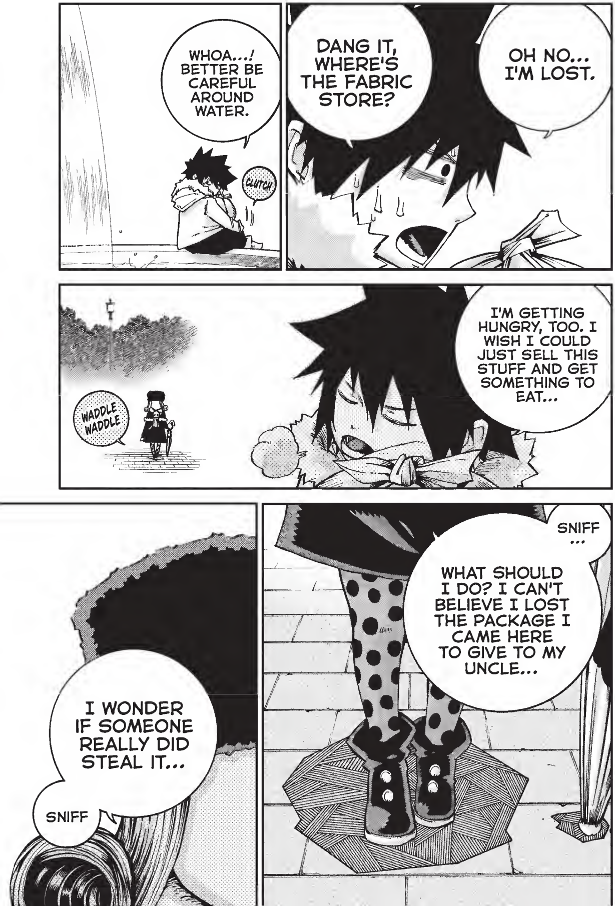

?!
WHAT IS THIS?!
WOW...
A HUGE FIELD OF GOLD COTTON...
GOLD COTTON ...?
YES... BY WEIGHT, THIS COTTON IS WORTH MORE THAN GOLD.
MORE THAN GOLD?!
BUT YOU KNOW, IT'S INCREDIBLY SUSCEPTIBLE TO WATER. SO AFTER IT BLOOMS, THE WEATHER NEEDS TO BE PERFECT OR ELSE IT CAN'T BE HARVESTED.
WOW!
...!

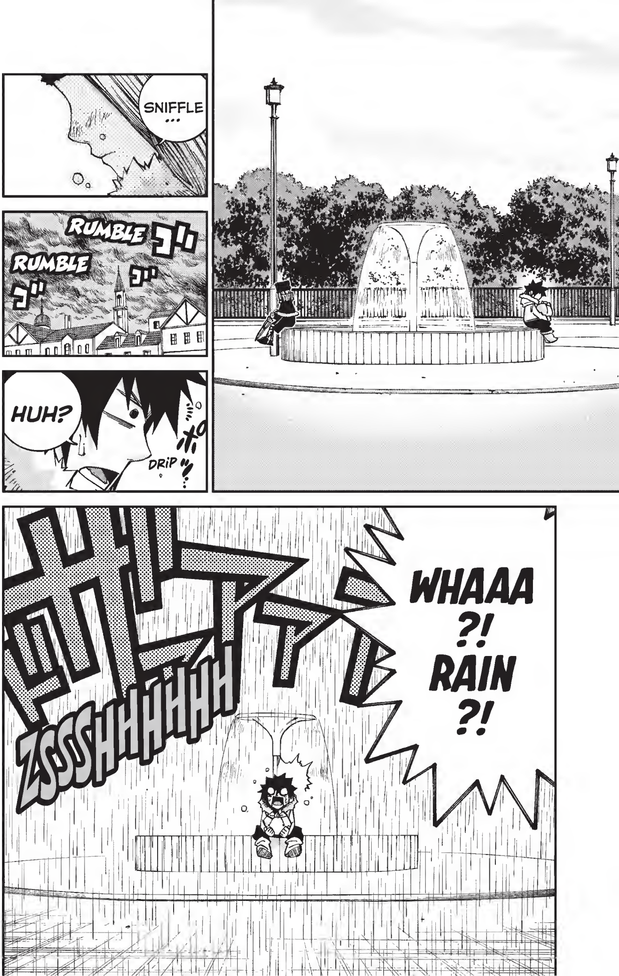

BWUMPH
HERE YOU GO, GRAY-KUN!
HUH?
ALL OF IT...? REALLY? SHOULDN'T WE SPLIT IT THREE–
WE'LL BE FINE! YOU JUST GO TO TOWN AND SELL IT. THEN, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BUY A TICKET!
TH... THANKS.
OH, ALSO...
...BE CAREFUL. LIKE I JUST SAID, GOLD COTTON IS WORTHLESS IF IT GETS WET.
GOT IT!
...
...? WHAT'S THE MATTER, MARY? WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SAD?

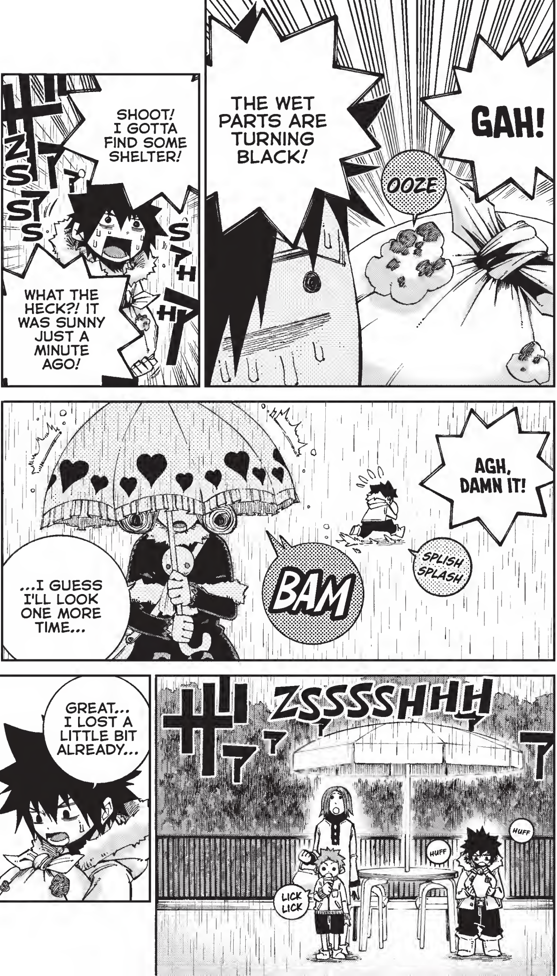

YOU AND YOUR SISTER ARE GOING TO WORK HARD TOGETHER FROM NOW ON, RIGHT?
...
YEAH...
...DO YOU THINK WE'LL EVER MEET AGAIN?
I'M SURE WE WILL AS LONG AS WE BOTH KEEP AT IT!
YEAH!
YEAH!

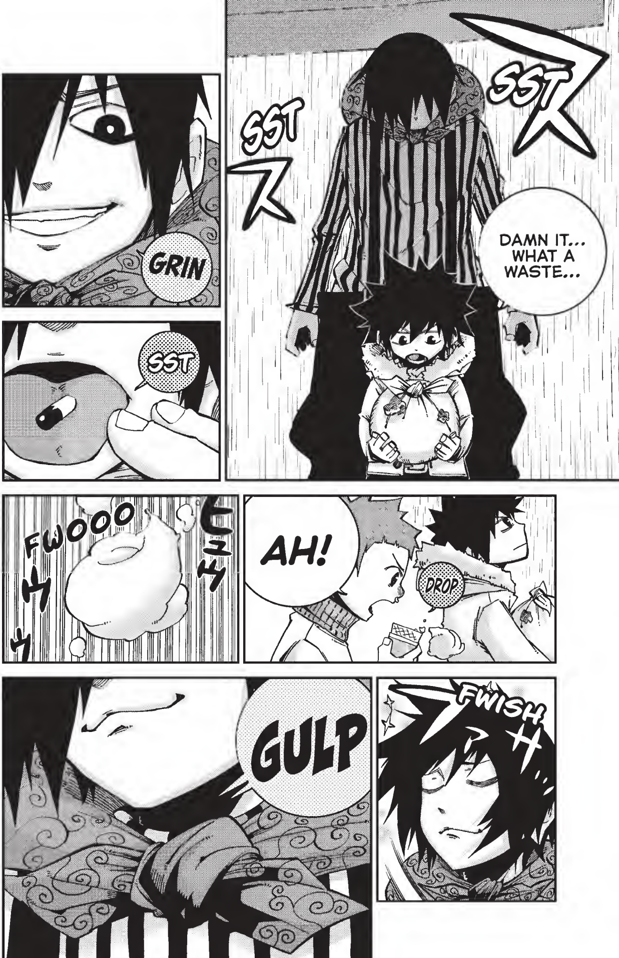

CITY AT THE ENTRYWAY TO THE WESTERN AREA OF THE KINGDOM: FOSS
WHAT?! I LEFT MY BAG HERE, BUT NOW IT'S GONE!
MY WALLET!
MINE TOO!
HEE-HEE...
SSST
HUH...?
MY PACKAGE ...

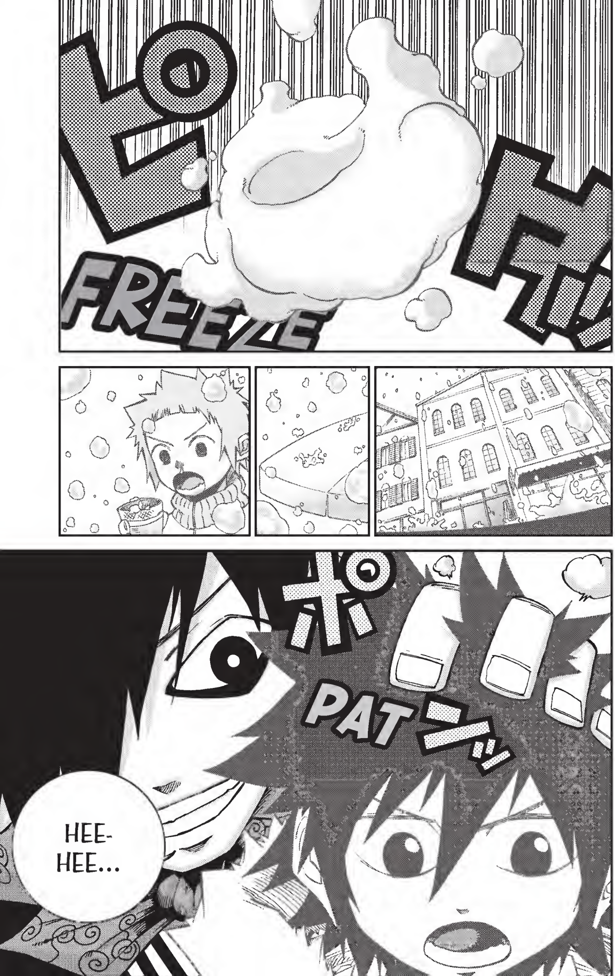

I'M GLAD I GOT TO TOWN, BUT...
...WHERE AM I SUPPOSED TO SELL THIS...?
トボ
WADDLE
トボ
WADDLE
OH! A FABRIC STORE!
AM I SMART OR WHAT?!

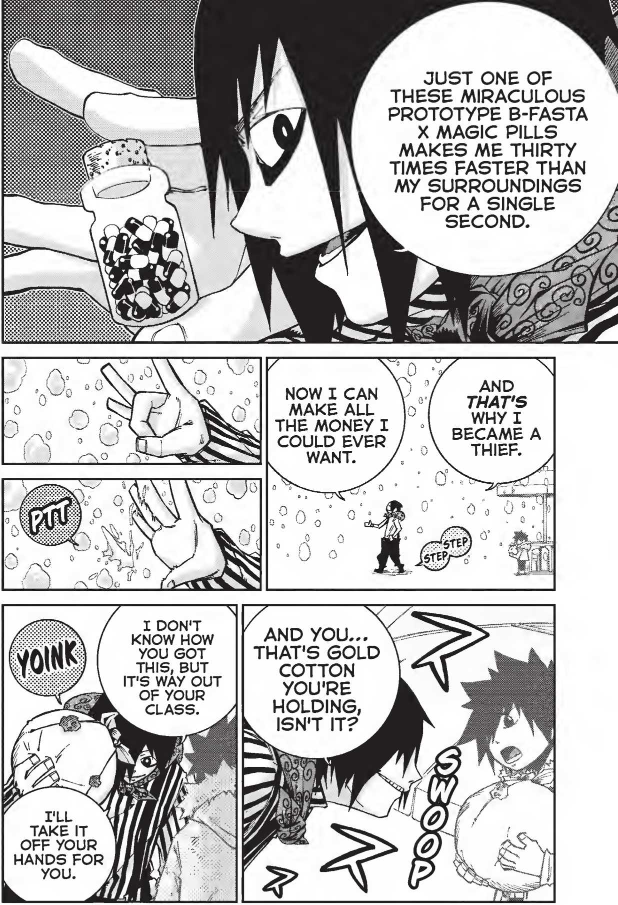

OH NO... I'M LOST.
DANG IT, WHERE'S THE FABRIC STORE?
WHOA...! BETTER BE CAREFUL AROUND WATER.
CLUTCH
I'M GETTING HUNGRY, TOO. I WISH I COULD JUST SELL THIS STUFF AND GET SOMETHING TO EAT...
WADDLE WADDLE
SNIFF...
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I CAN'T BELIEVE I LOST THE PACKAGE I CAME HERE TO GIVE TO MY UNCLE...
I WONDER IF SOMEONE REALLY DID STEAL IT...
SNIFF

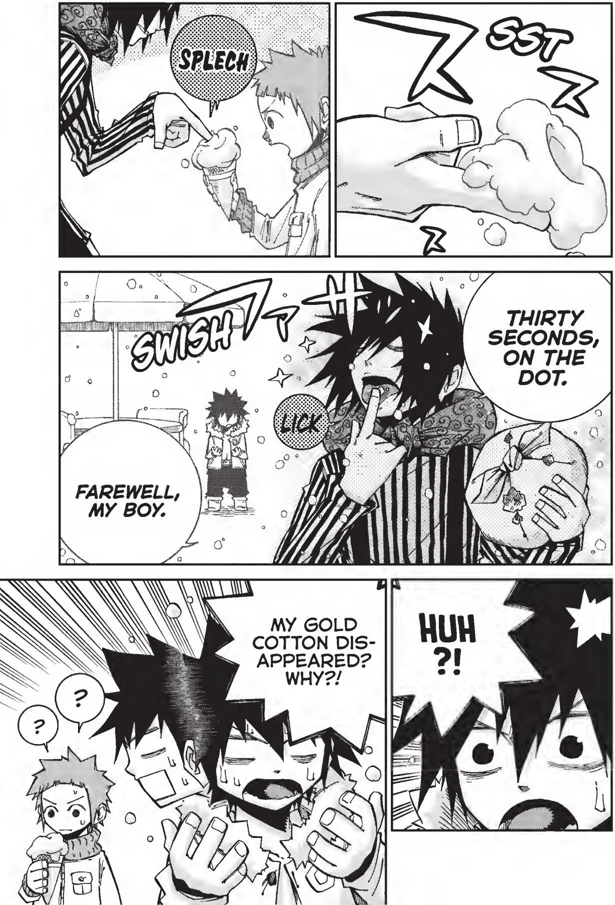

SNIFFLE ...
RUMBLE ゴロ
RUMBLE ゴロ
HUH?
DRIP
ZSSHHHHHH
WHAAA ?! RAIN ?!

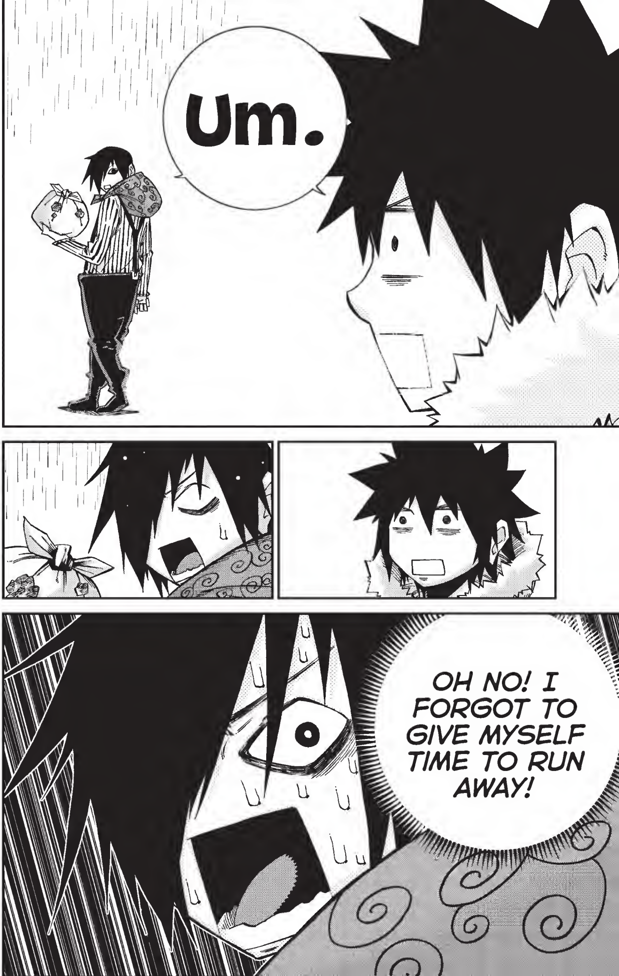

GAH!
THE WET PARTS ARE TURNING BLACK!
OOZE
ZSSSHH
SHOOT! I GOTTA FIND SOME SHELTER!
WHAT THE HECK?! IT WAS SUNNY JUST A MINUTE AGO!
AGH, DAMN IT!
SPLISH SPLASH
BAM
...I GUESS I'LL LOOK ONE MORE TIME...
ZSSSSHHH
HUFF
HUFF
LICK LICK
GREAT... I LOST A LITTLE BIT ALREADY...

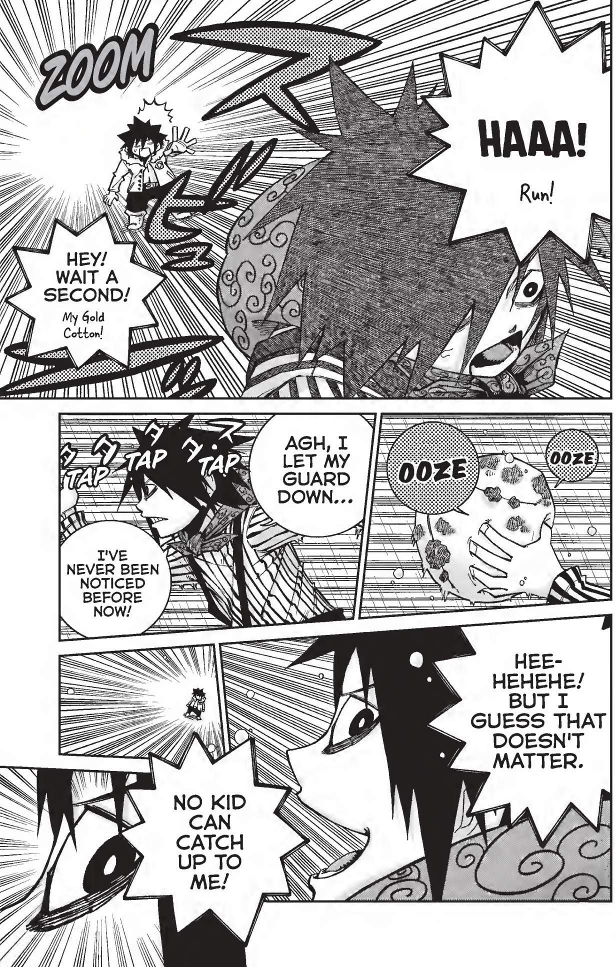

SST
SST
DAMN IT... WHAT A WASTE...
GRIN
SST
AH!
DROP
FWOOO
FWISH
GULP

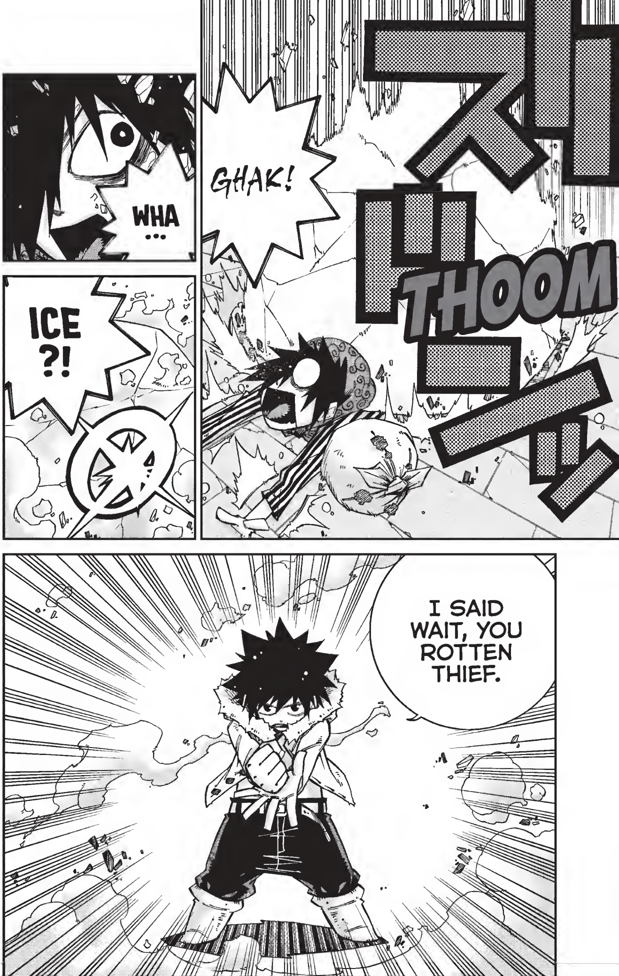

ピキ
FREEZE
ポンッ
PAT
HEE-HEE...

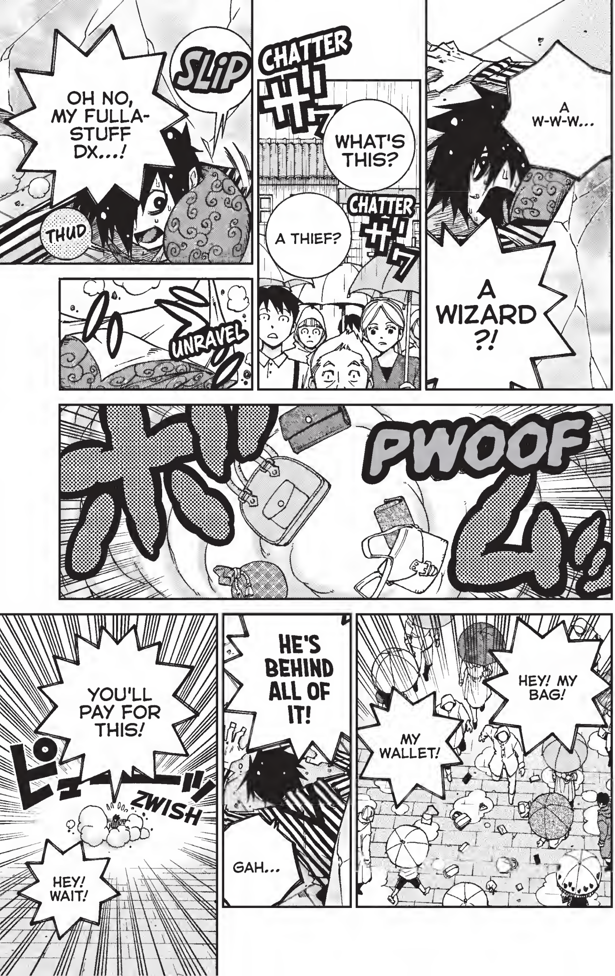

JUST ONE OF THESE MIRACULOUS PROTOTYPE B-FASTA X MAGIC PILLS MAKES ME THIRTY TIMES FASTER THAN MY SURROUNDINGS FOR A SINGLE SECOND.
AND *THAT'S* WHY I BECAME A THIEF.
NOW I CAN MAKE ALL THE MONEY I COULD EVER WANT.
STEP STEP
PTT
AND YOU... THAT'S GOLD COTTON YOU'RE HOLDING, ISN'T IT?
SWOOP
YOINK
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT THIS, BUT IT'S WAY OUT OF YOUR CLASS.
I'LL TAKE IT OFF YOUR HANDS FOR YOU.

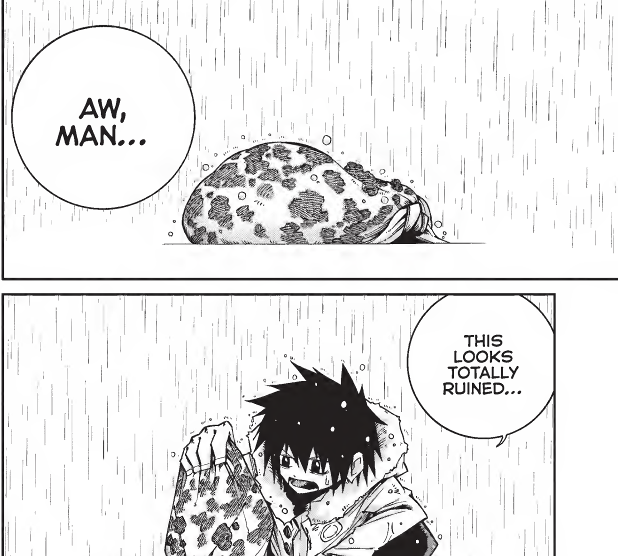

SST
SPLECH
THIRTY SECONDS, ON THE DOT.
SWISH
LICK
FAREWELL, MY BOY.
HUH ?!
MY GOLD COTTON DISAPPEARED? WHY?!
?
?

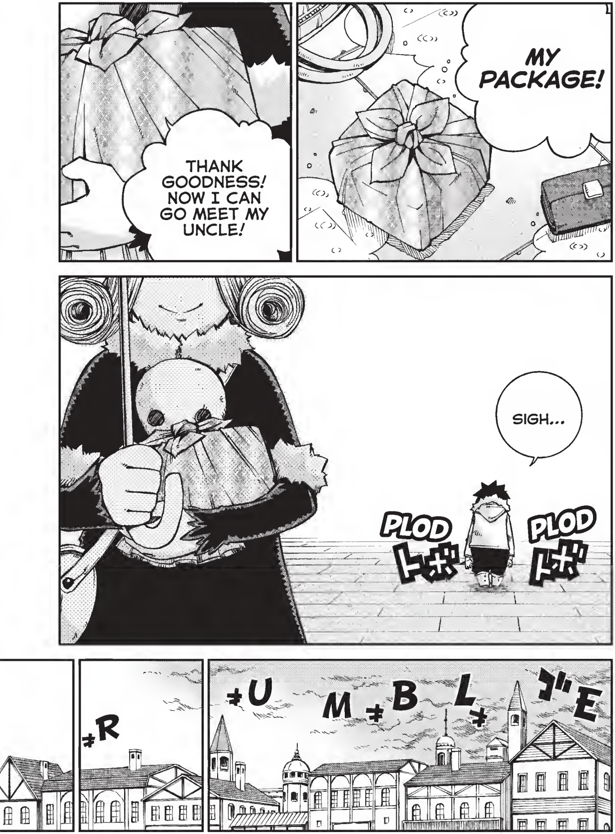

Um.
OH NO! I FORGOT TO GIVE MYSELF TIME TO RUN AWAY!


ZOOM
HAAA!
Run!
HEY! WAIT A SECOND!
My Gold Cotton!
OOZE
OOZE
AGH, I LET MY GUARD DOWN...
TAP TAP TAP
I'VE NEVER BEEN NOTICED BEFORE NOW!
HEE-HEHEHE! BUT I GUESS THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
NO KID CAN CATCH UP TO ME!


GHAK!
THOOM
WHA...
ICE?!
I SAID WAIT, YOU ROTTEN THIEF.


A W-W-W...
A WIZARD ?!
CHATTER
ザワ
WHAT'S THIS?
CHATTER
ザワ
A THIEF?
SLIP
OH NO, MY FULLA-STUFF DX...!
THUD
UNRAVEL
PWOOF
HEY! MY BAG!
MY WALLET!
HE'S BEHIND ALL OF IT!
GAH...
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!
ピューーーッ
ZWISH
HEY! WAIT!


AW, MAN...
THIS LOOKS TOTALLY RUINED...
SPLAT
GLANCE GLANCE
OH!


MY PACKAGE!
THANK GOODNESS! NOW I CAN GO MEET MY UNCLE!
SIGH...
PLOD ドボ
PLOD トボ
RUMBLE
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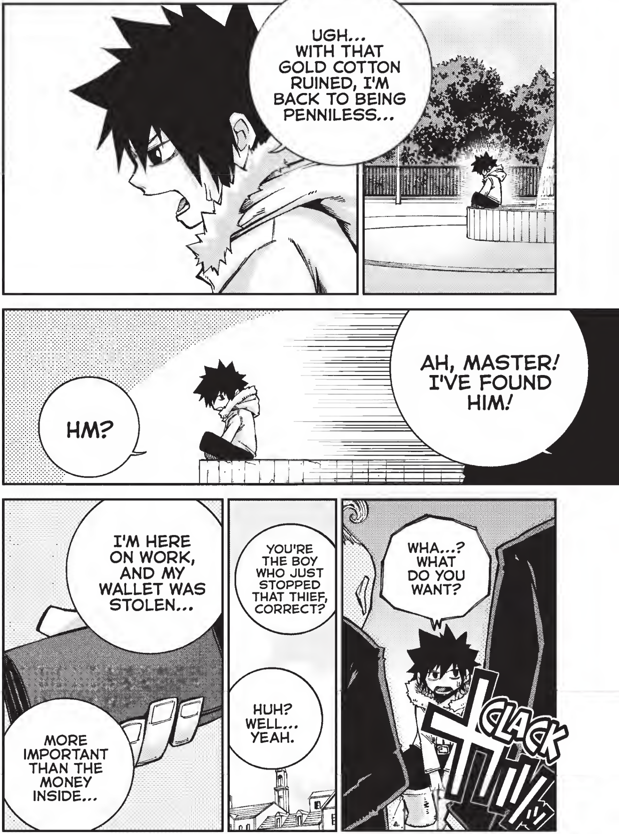
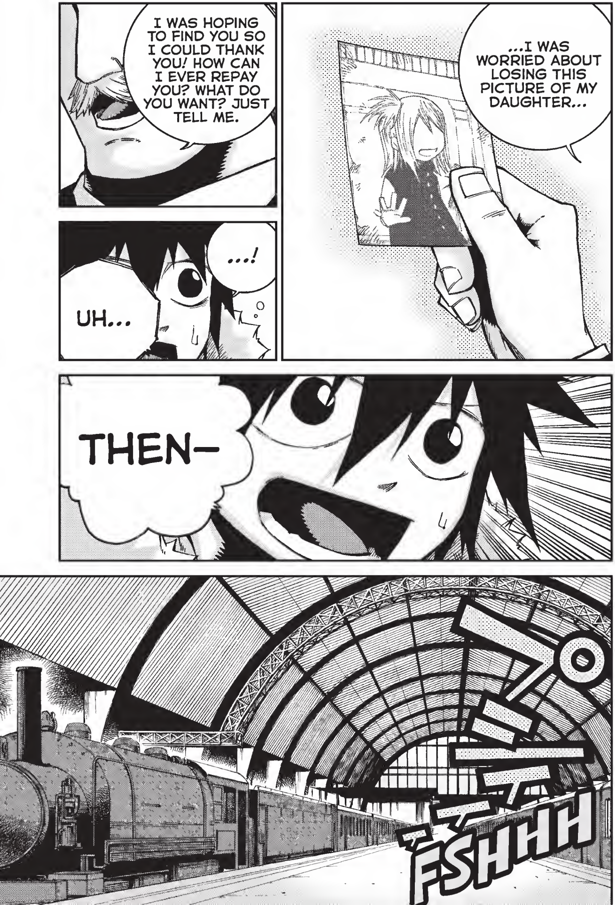
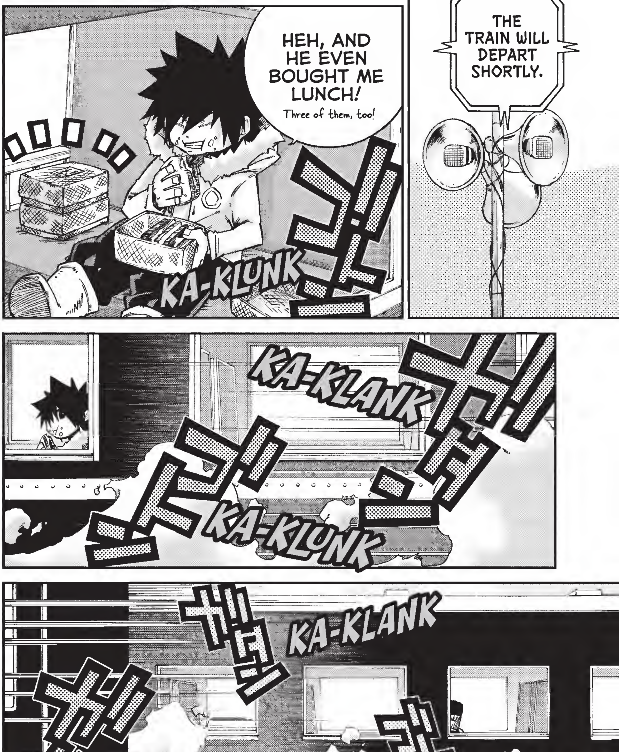
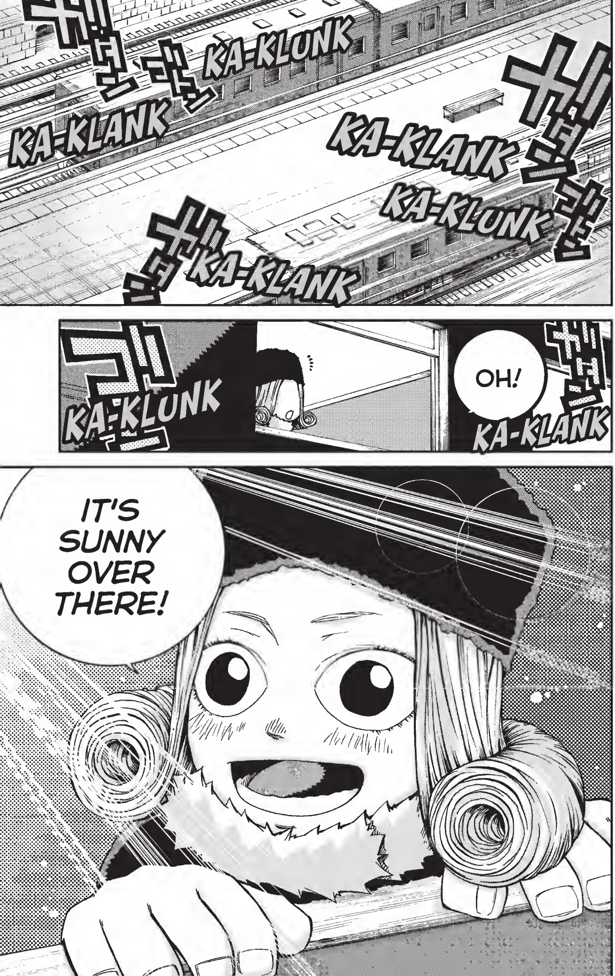

UGH... WITH THAT GOLD COTTON RUINED, I'M BACK TO BEING PENNILESS...
AH, MASTER! I'VE FOUND HIM!
HM?
WHA...? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
CLACK
YOU'RE THE BOY WHO JUST STOPPED THAT THIEF, CORRECT?
HUH? WELL... YEAH.
I'M HERE ON WORK, AND MY WALLET WAS STOLEN...
MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE MONEY INSIDE...


...I WAS WORRIED ABOUT LOSING THIS PICTURE OF MY DAUGHTER...
I WAS HOPING TO FIND YOU SO I COULD THANK YOU! HOW CAN I EVER REPAY YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT? JUST TELL ME.
...!
UH...
THEN—
FSHHH


THE TRAIN WILL DEPART SHORTLY.
HEH, AND HE EVEN BOUGHT ME LUNCH!
Three of them, too!
KA-KLUNK
KA-KLANK
KA-KLUNK
KA-KLANK
KA-KLUNK
KA-KLANK


KA-KLANK
KA-KLUNK
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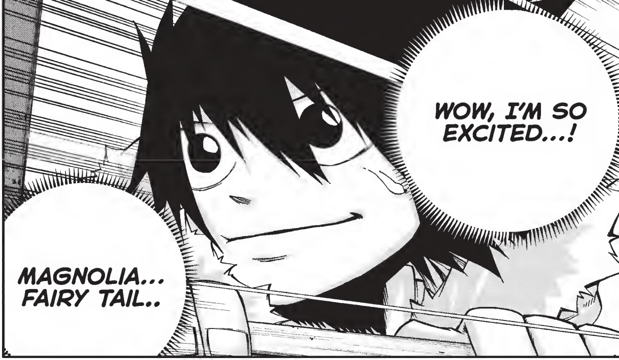
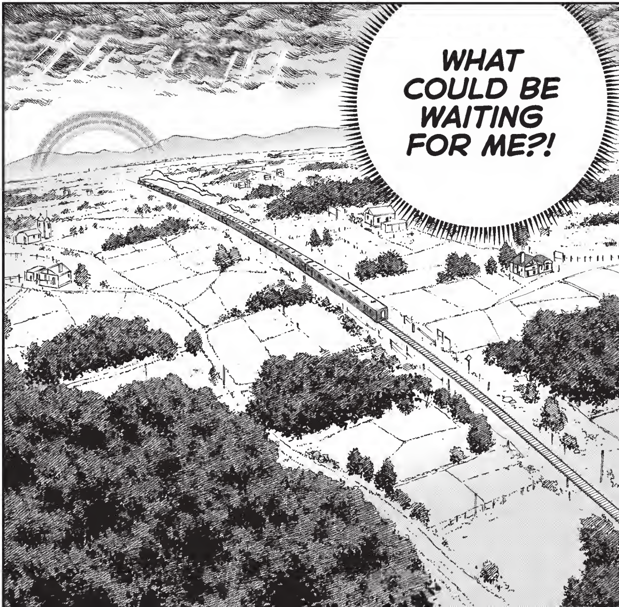
KA-KLANK
OH!
KA-KLUNK
IT'S SUNNY OVER THERE!


WOW, I'M SO EXCITED...!
MAGNOLIA... FAIRY TAIL..


WHAT COULD BE WAITING FOR ME?!

Chapter 9: in the Train

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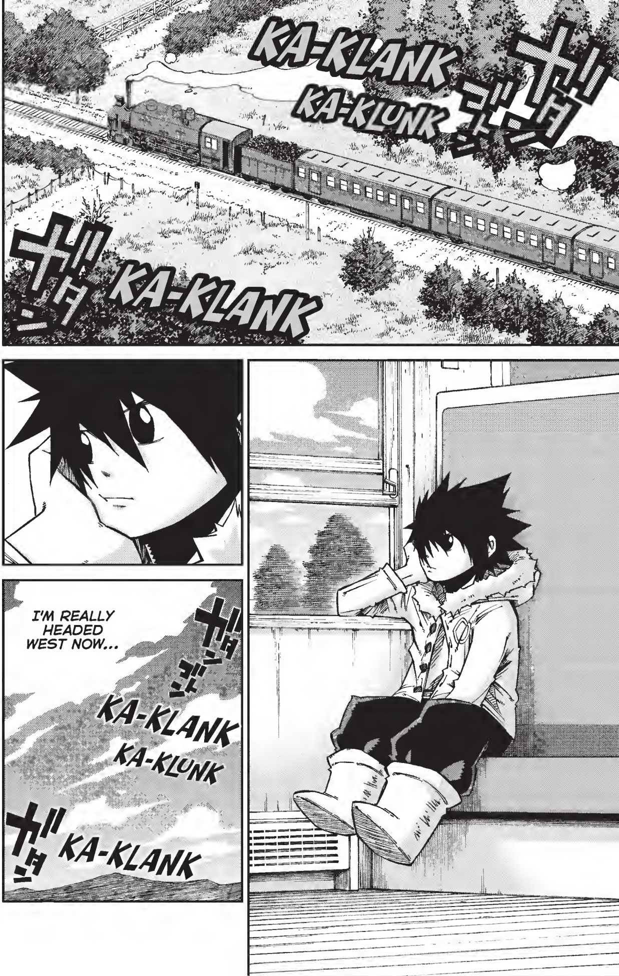
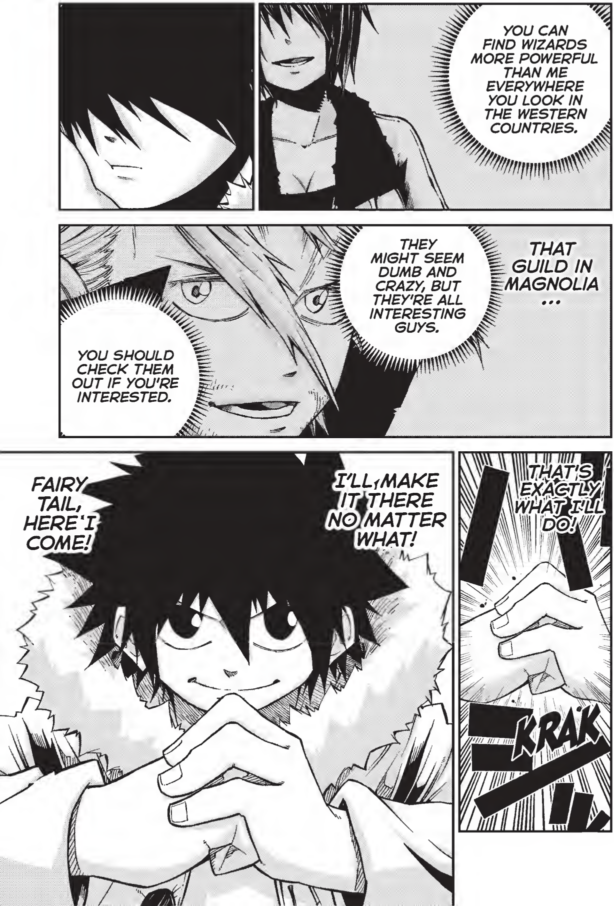
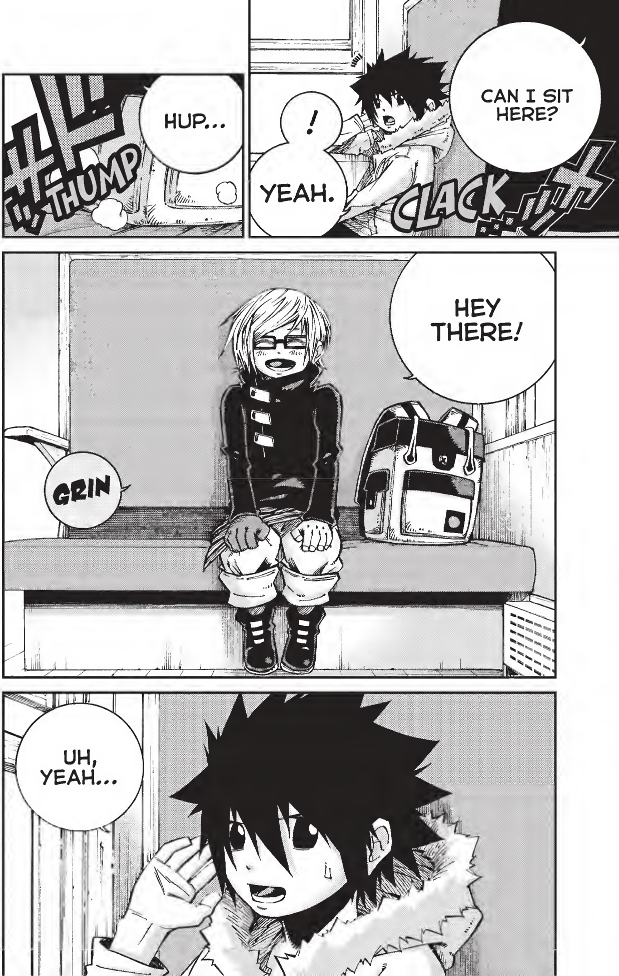
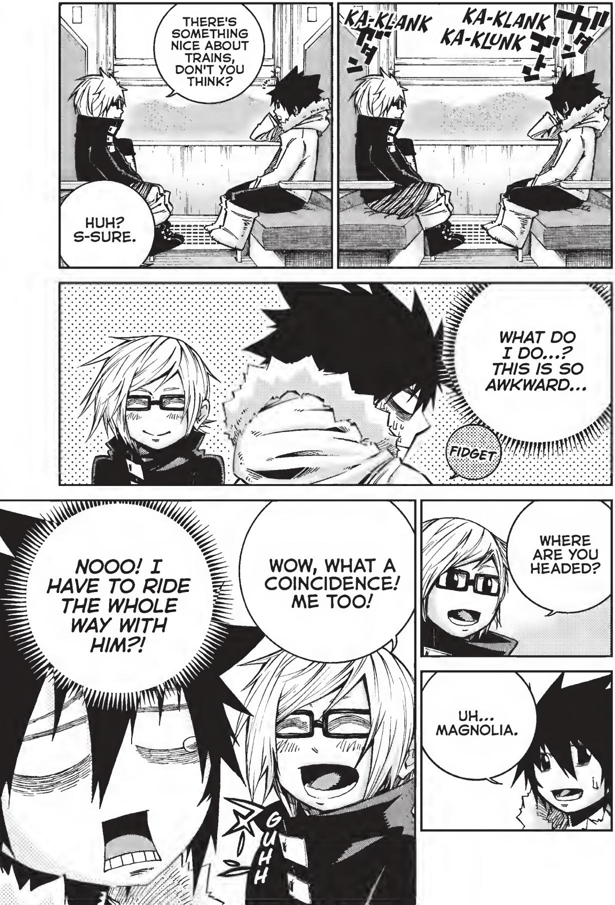
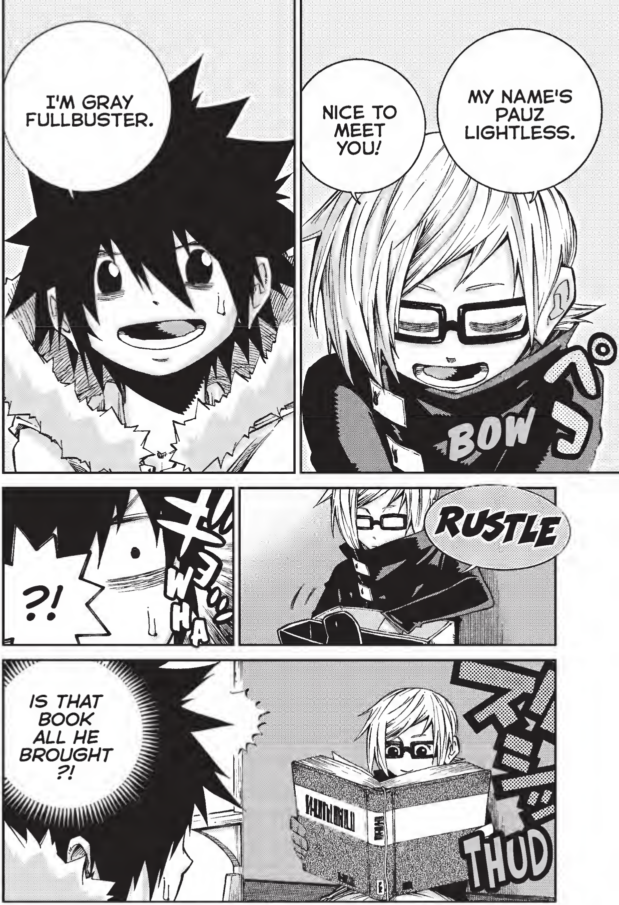
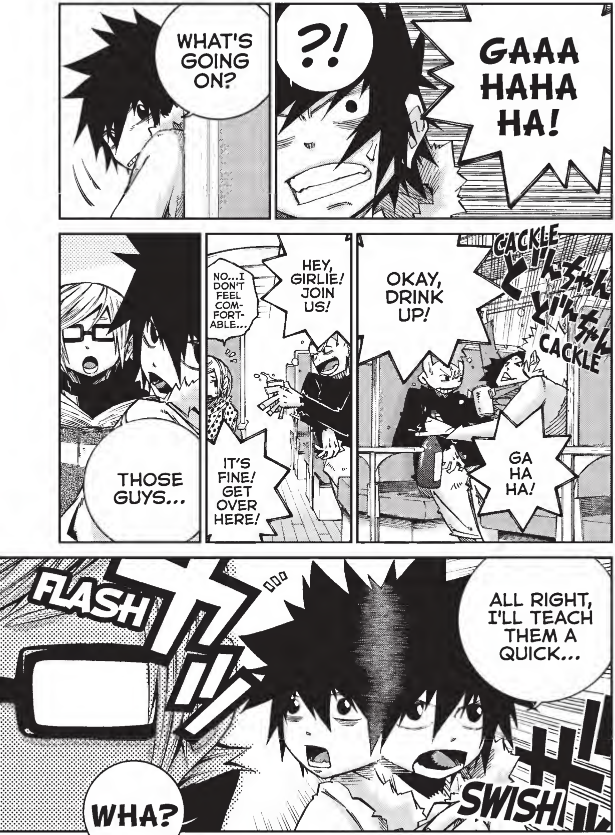

KA-KLANK
KA-KLUNK
ガタン
ゴトン
ガタン
KA-KLANK
I'M REALLY HEADED WEST NOW...
ガタン
ゴトン
KA-KLANK
KA-KLUNK
ガタン
KA-KLANK

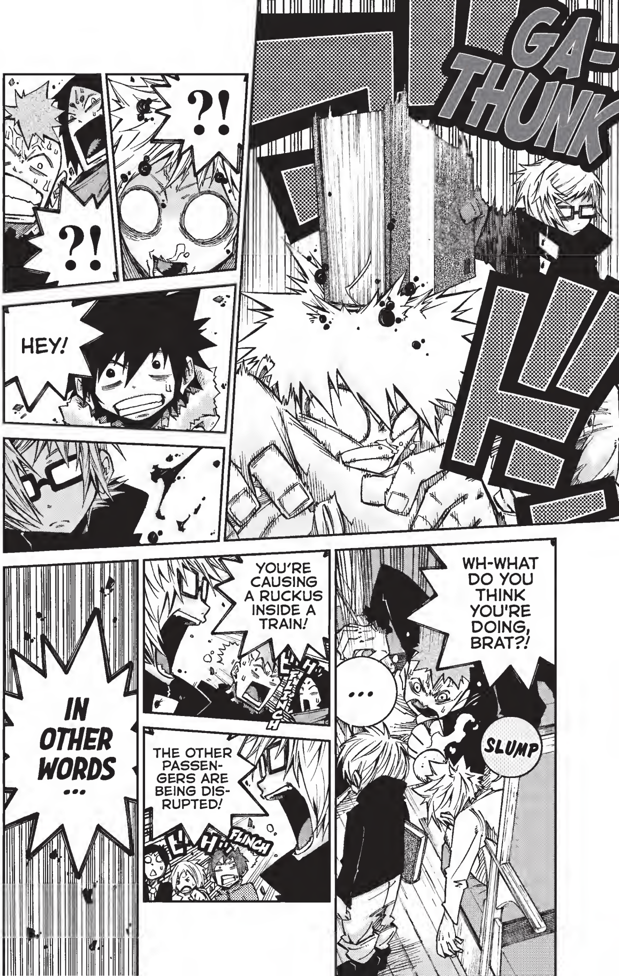

YOU CAN FIND WIZARDS MORE POWERFUL THAN ME EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK IN THE WESTERN COUNTRIES.
THAT GUILD IN MAGNOLIA ...
THEY MIGHT SEEM DUMB AND CRAZY, BUT THEY'RE ALL INTERESTING GUYS.
YOU SHOULD CHECK THEM OUT IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'LL DO!
KRAK
I'LL MAKE IT THERE NO MATTER WHAT!
FAIRY TAIL, HERE I COME!

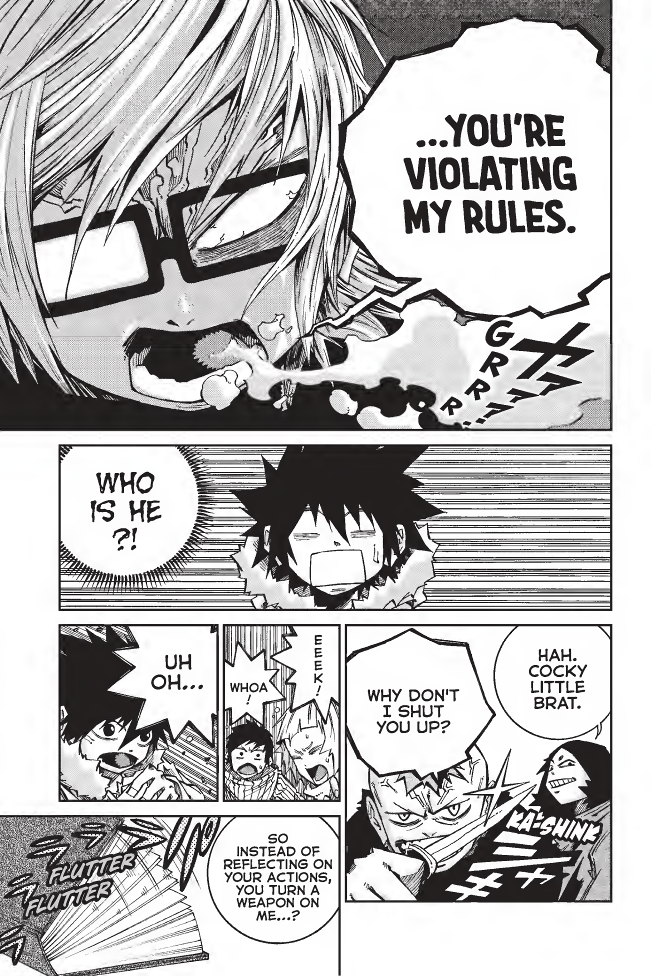

CAN I SIT HERE?
CLACK
!
YEAH.
HUP...
THUMP
HEY THERE!
GRIN
UH, YEAH...

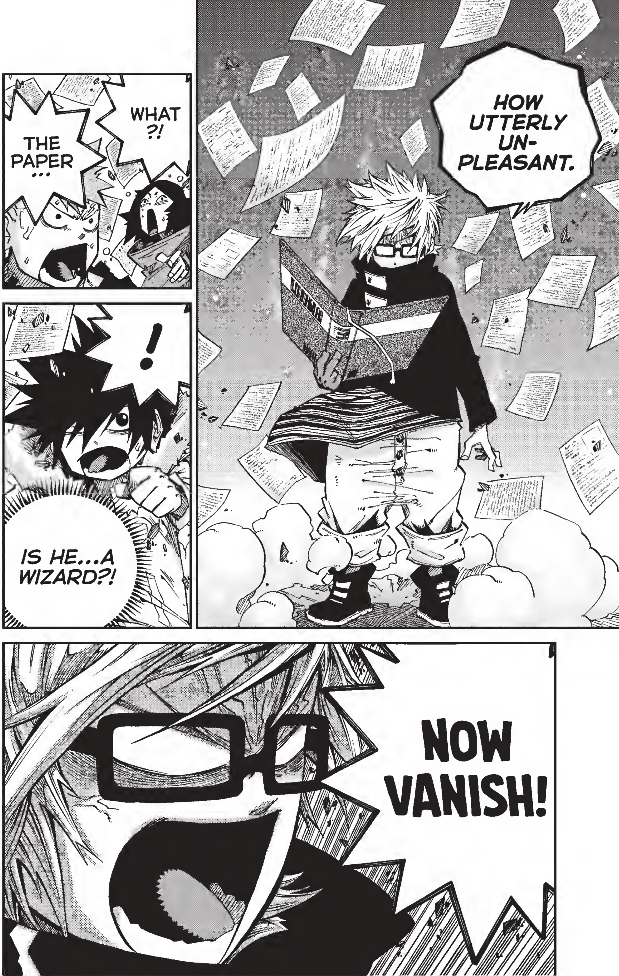

KA-KLANK
ガタン
KA-KLANK
KA-KLUNK
ガタ
ゴトン
THERE'S SOMETHING NICE ABOUT TRAINS, DON'T YOU THINK?
HUH? S-SURE.
WHAT DO I DO...? THIS IS SO AWKWARD...
FIDGET
WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?
UH... MAGNOLIA.
WOW, WHAT A COINCIDENCE! ME TOO!
NOOO! I HAVE TO RIDE THE WHOLE WAY WITH HIM?!
GUHH

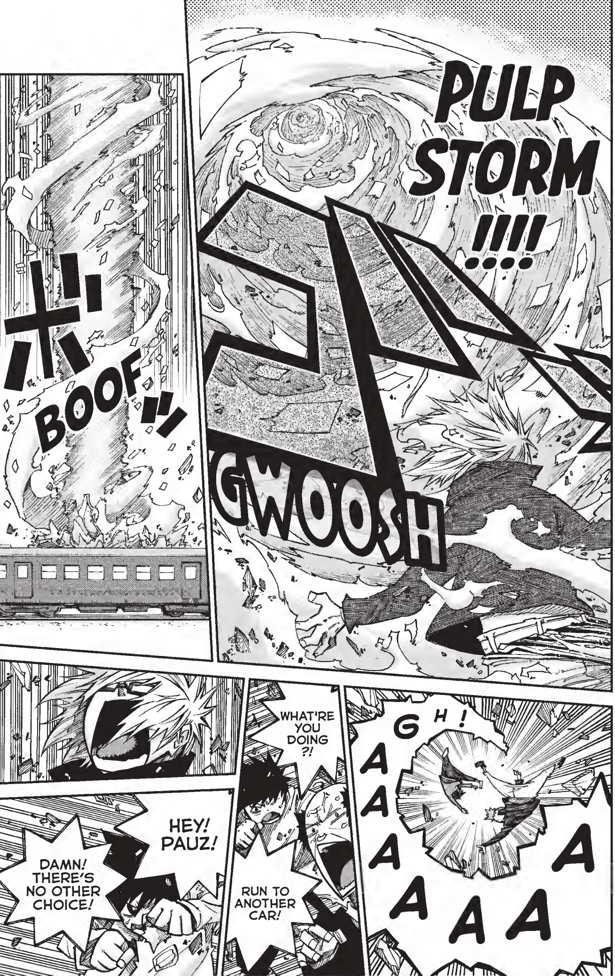

I'M GRAY FULLBUSTER.
MY NAME'S PAUZ LIGHTLESS.
NICE TO MEET YOU!
BOW
?!
WHA...
RUSTLE
IS THAT BOOK ALL HE BROUGHT?!
THUD

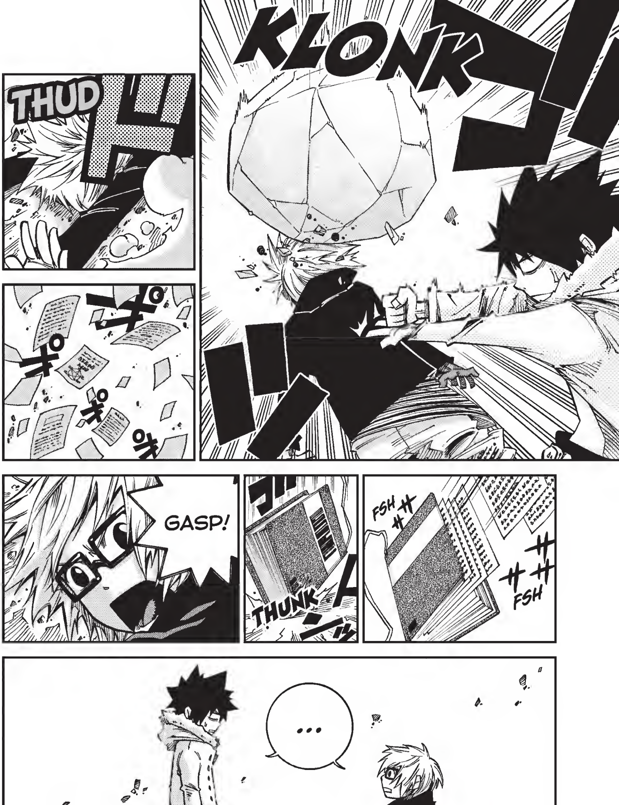

GAAA HAHA HA!
?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
CACKLE
どんちゃん どんちゃん
CACKLE
OKAY, DRINK UP!
GA HA HA!
HEY, GIRLIE! JOIN US!
NO...I DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE...
IT'S FINE! GET OVER HERE!
THOSE GUYS...
ALL RIGHT, I'LL TEACH THEM A QUICK...
SWISH
FLASH
WHA?

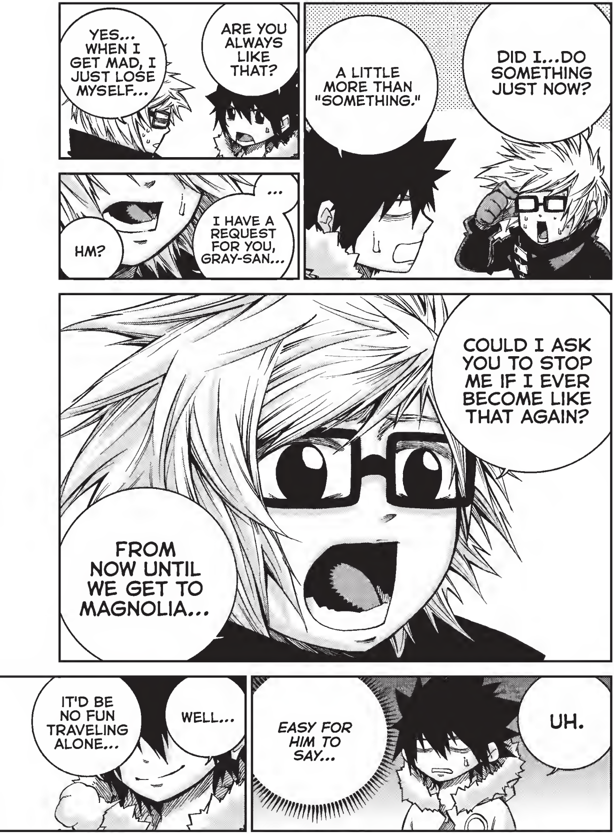

GA-THUNK
!!!
?!
?!
HEY!
WH-WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, BRAT?!
...
SLUMP
YOU'RE CAUSING A RUCKUS INSIDE A TRAIN!
H!
FLINCH
THE OTHER PASSENGERS ARE BEING DISRUPTED!
H!
FLINCH
IN OTHER WORDS...

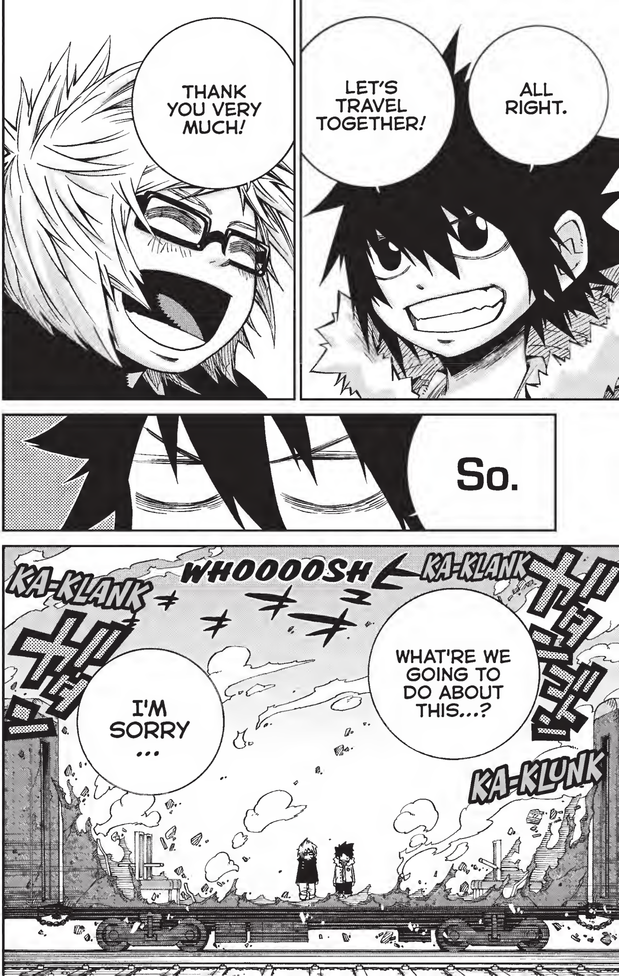

...YOU'RE VIOLATING MY RULES.
GRRR..!
WHO IS HE ?!
HAH. COCKY LITTLE BRAT.
WHY DON'T I SHUT YOU UP?
KA-SHINK
EEEEK!
WHOA!
UH OH...
SO INSTEAD OF REFLECTING ON YOUR ACTIONS, YOU TURN A WEAPON ON ME...?
FLUTTER FLUTTER

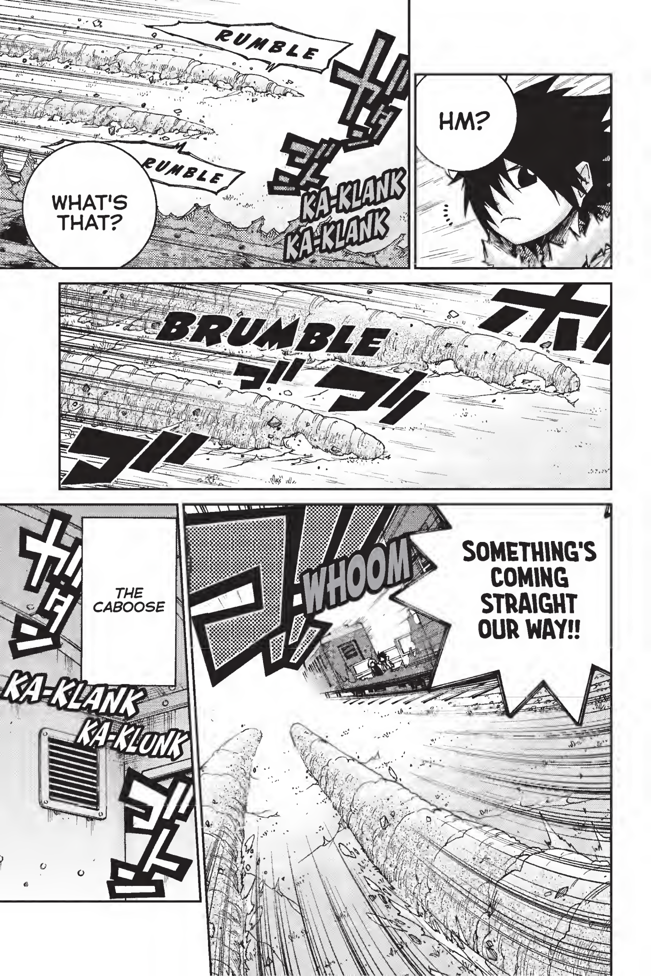

HOW UTTERLY UN-PLEASANT.
WHAT?!
THE PAPER...
!
IS HE...A WIZARD?!
NOW VANISH!

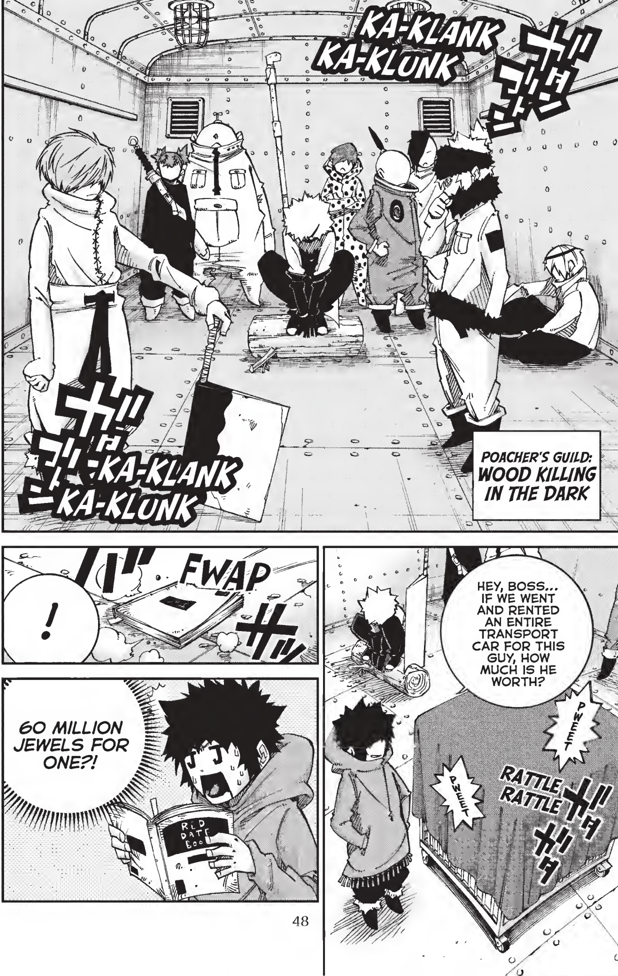

PULP STORM!!!!
GWOOSH
ボ
BOOF
GH! AAAAAAA
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
RUN TO ANOTHER CAR!
HEY! PAUZ!
DAMN! THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE!

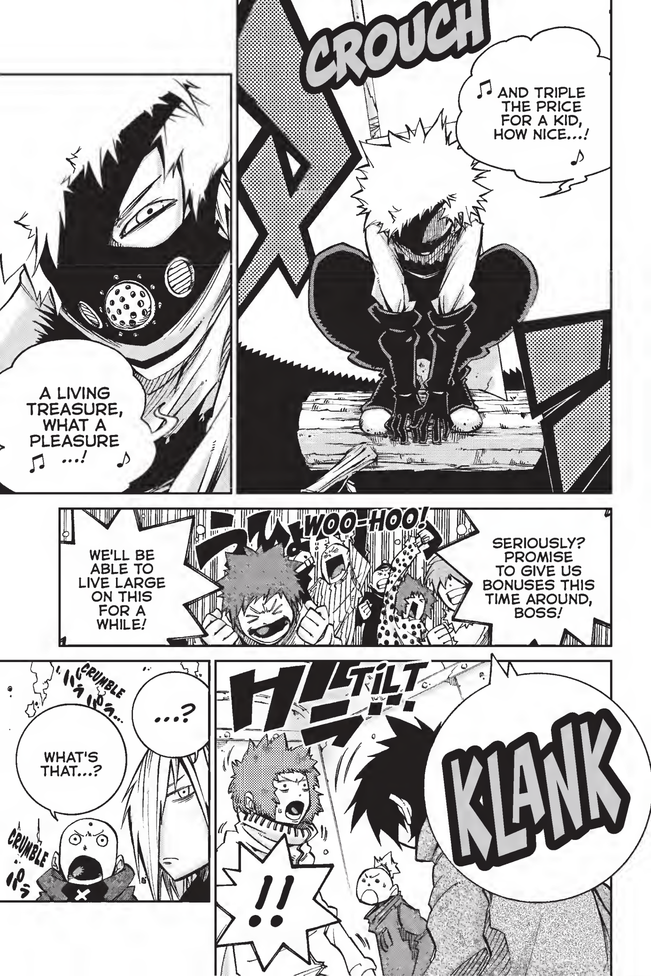

KLONK
THUD
FSH
FSH
THUNK
GASP!
...

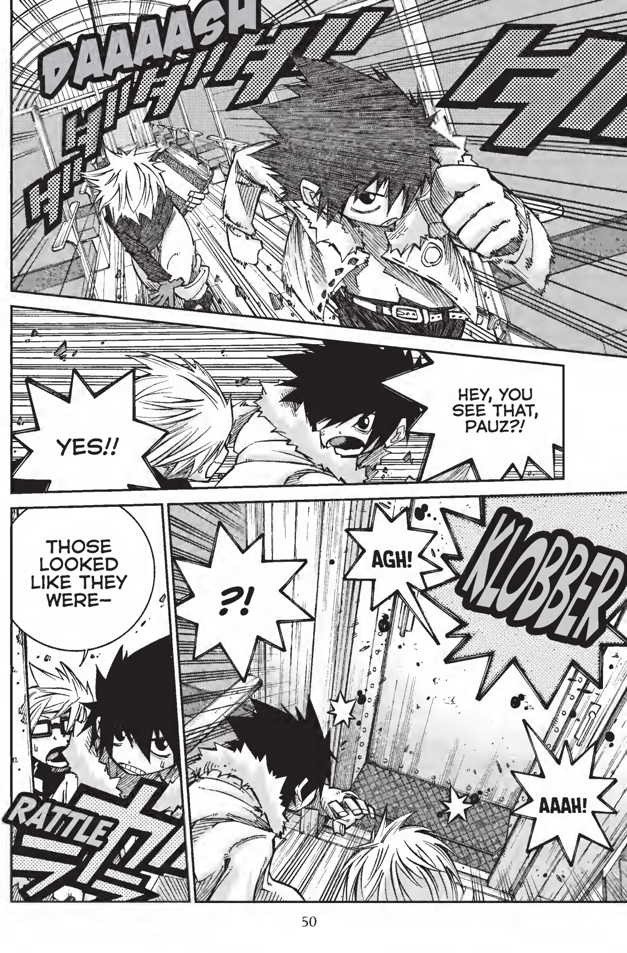

DID I...DO SOMETHING JUST NOW?
A LITTLE MORE THAN "SOMETHING."
ARE YOU ALWAYS LIKE THAT?
YES... WHEN I GET MAD, I JUST LOSE MYSELF...
...
I HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOU, GRAY-SAN...
HM?
COULD I ASK YOU TO STOP ME IF I EVER BECOME LIKE THAT AGAIN?
FROM NOW UNTIL WE GET TO MAGNOLIA...
UH.
EASY FOR HIM TO SAY...
WELL...
IT'D BE NO FUN TRAVELING ALONE...

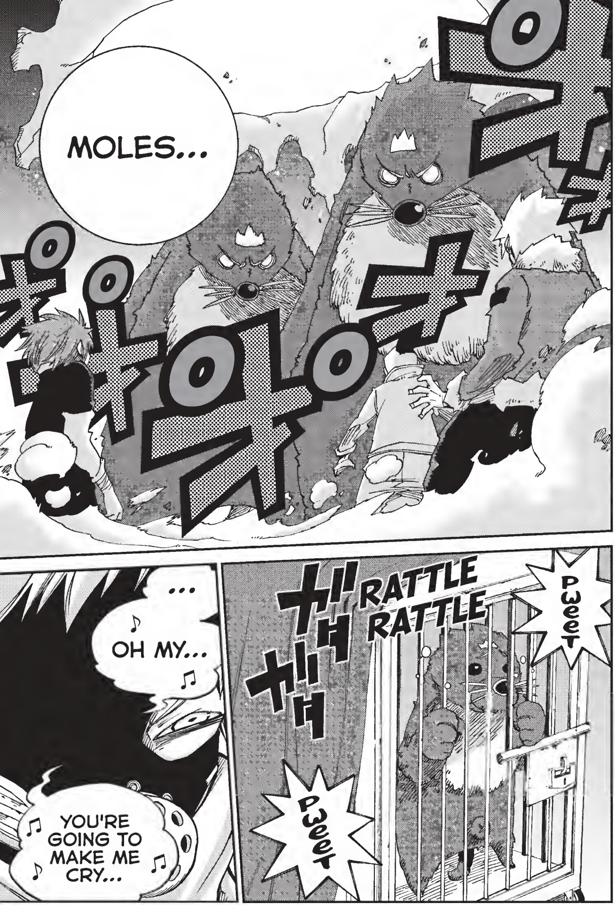

ALL RIGHT.
LET'S TRAVEL TOGETHER!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
So.
KA-KLANK
WHOOOOOSH
KA-KLANK
WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT THIS...?
I'M SORRY...
KA-KLUNK

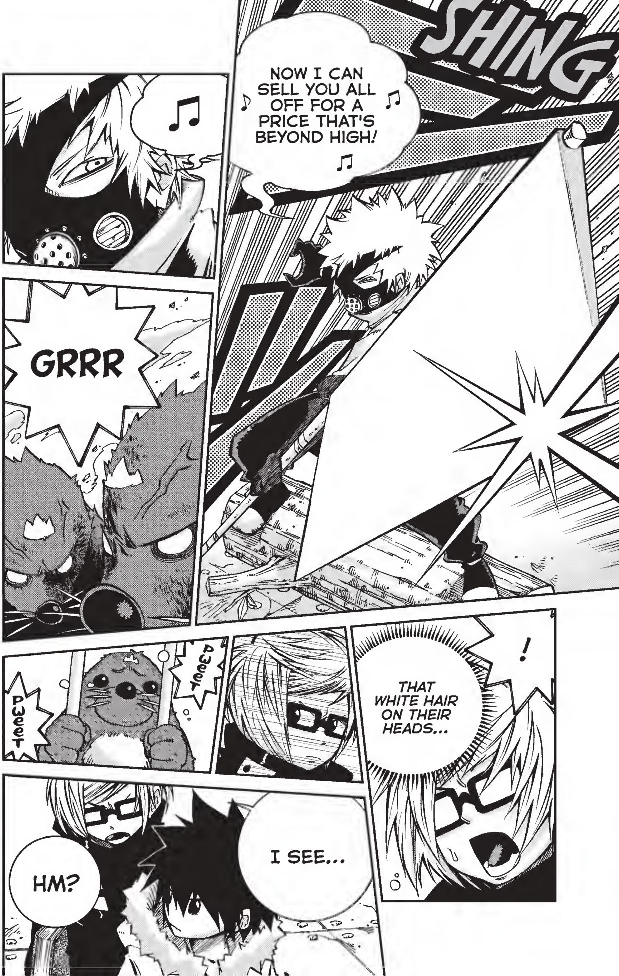

HM?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
KA-KLANK KA-KLANK
WHAT'S THAT?
BRUMBLE
SOMETHING'S COMING STRAIGHT OUR WAY!!
WHOOM
THE CABOOSE
KA-KLANK KA-KLUNK

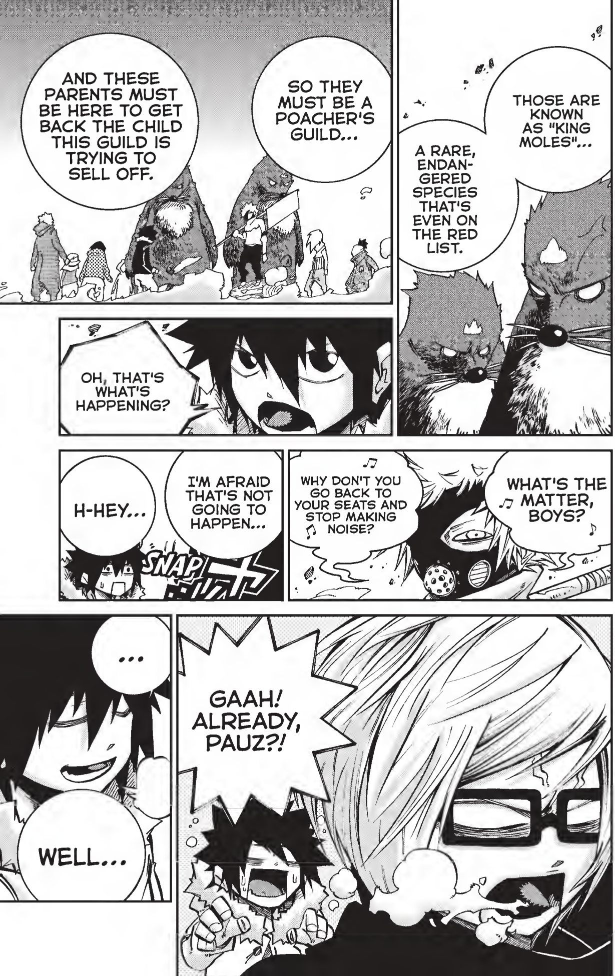

KA-KLANK
KA-KLUNK
KA-KLANK
KA-KLUNK
POACHER'S GUILD: WOOD KILLING IN THE DARK
HEY, BOSS... IF WE WENT AND RENTED AN ENTIRE TRANSPORT CAR FOR THIS GUY, HOW MUCH IS HE WORTH?
PWEET
PWEET
RATTLE RATTLE
FWAP
!
60 MILLION JEWELS FOR ONE?!

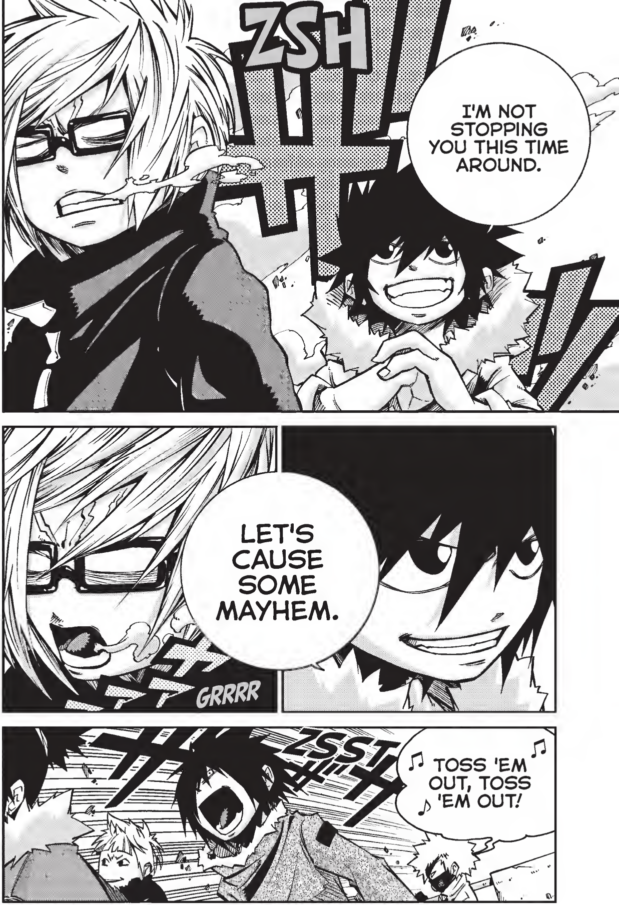

CROUCH
♫ AND TRIPLE THE PRICE FOR A KID, HOW NICE...! ♪
A LIVING TREASURE, WHAT A PLEASURE ♫ ...! ♪
SERIOUSLY? PROMISE TO GIVE US BONUSES THIS TIME AROUND, BOSS!
WOO-HOO!
WE'LL BE ABLE TO LIVE LARGE ON THIS FOR A WHILE!
KLANK
TILT
!!
...?
WHAT'S THAT...?
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE

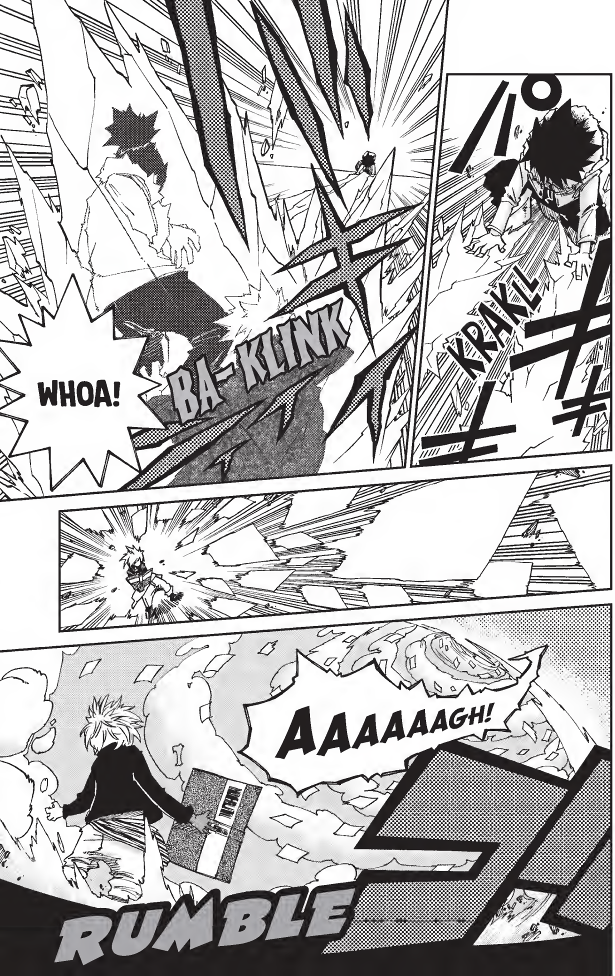

DAAAASH
HEY, YOU SEE THAT, PAUZ?!
YES!!
KLOBBER
AGH!
AAAH!
?!
THOSE LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE–
RATTLE

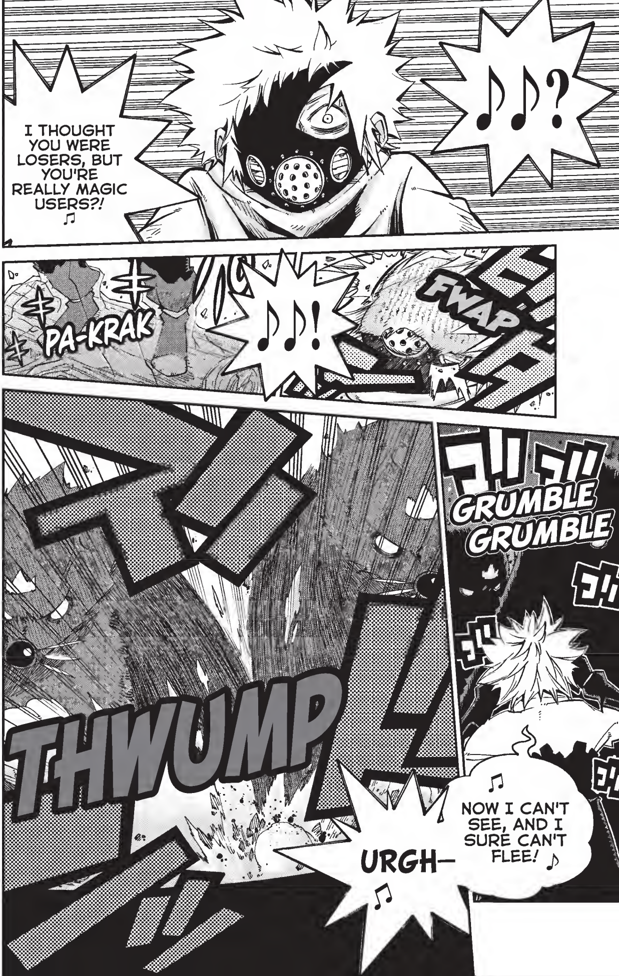

MOLES...
RATTLE RATTLE
PWEET
PWEET
... ♪ OH MY... ♫
♫ YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE ME CRY... ♪ ♫

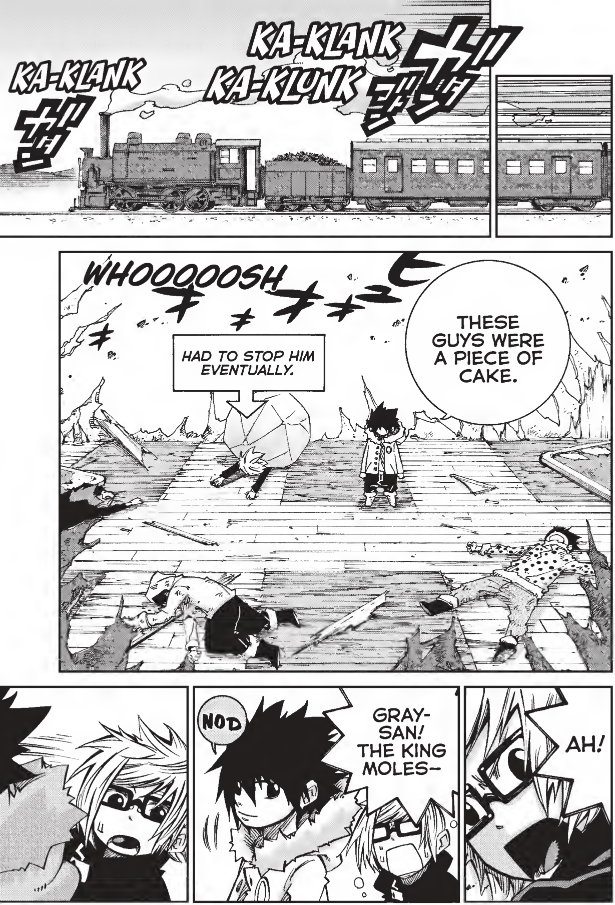

SHING
♪ NOW I CAN SELL YOU ALL OFF FOR A PRICE THAT'S BEYOND HIGH! ♫ ♫
♫
GRRR
!
THAT WHITE HAIR ON THEIR HEADS...
PWEET
PWEET
I SEE...
HM?

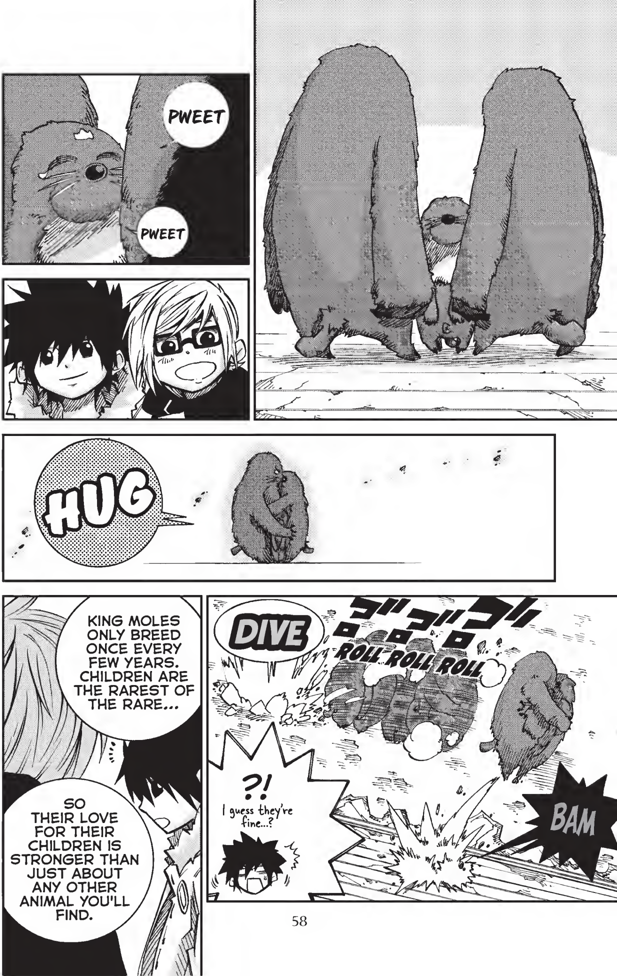

THOSE ARE KNOWN AS "KING MOLES"...
A RARE, ENDANGERED SPECIES THAT'S EVEN ON THE RED LIST.
SO THEY MUST BE A POACHER'S GUILD...
AND THESE PARENTS MUST BE HERE TO GET BACK THE CHILD THIS GUILD IS TRYING TO SELL OFF.
OH, THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, BOYS?
WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO YOUR SEATS AND STOP MAKING NOISE?
I'M AFRAID THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN...
H-HEY...
SNAP
GAAH! ALREADY, PAUZ?!
...
WELL...

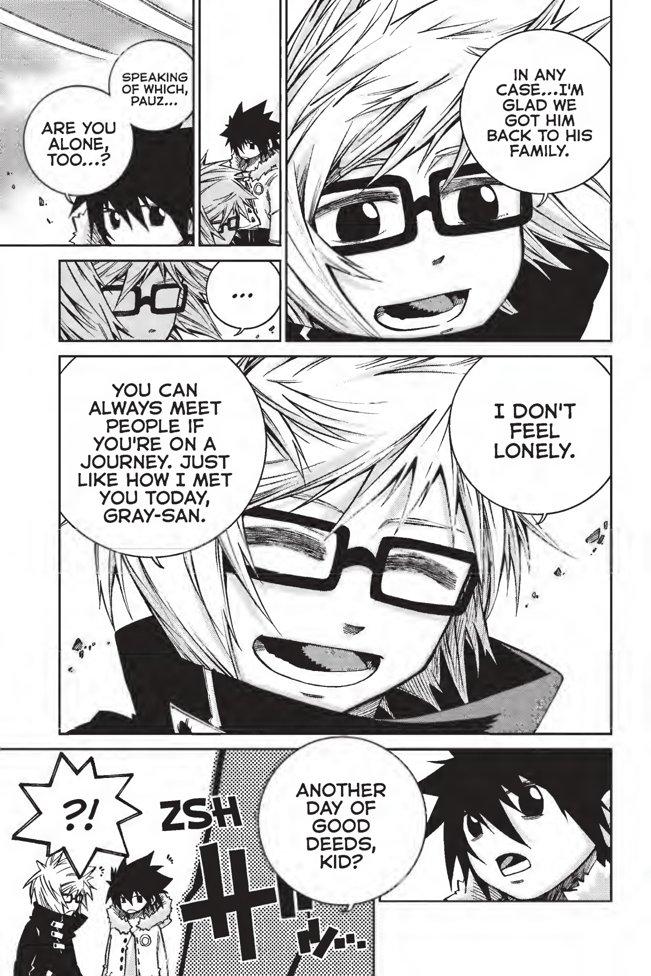

ZSH
I'M NOT STOPPING YOU THIS TIME AROUND.
LET'S CAUSE SOME MAYHEM.
GRRRR
ZSST
♫ TOSS 'EM OUT, TOSS 'EM OUT! ♫ ♪

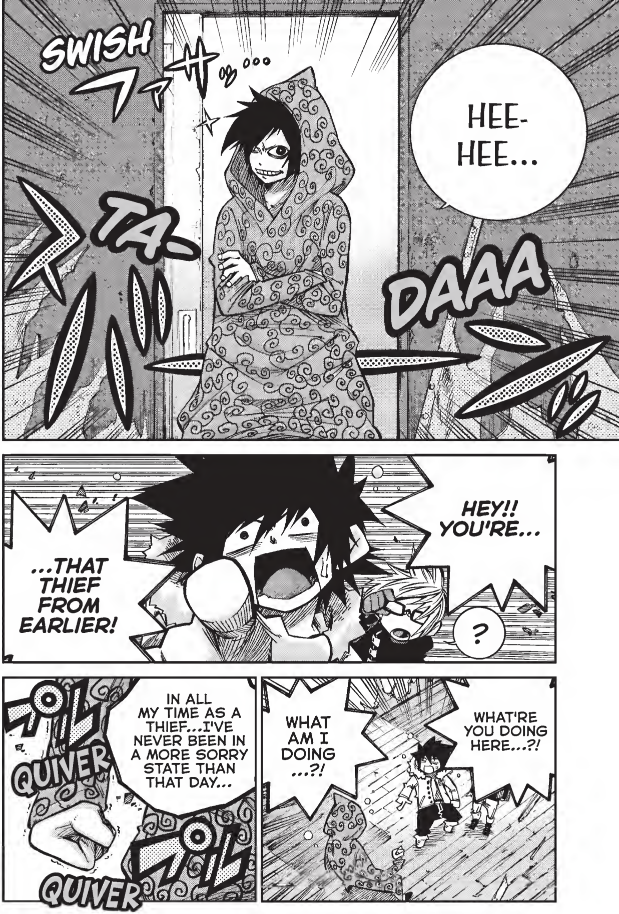

パ
KRAKLL
BA-KLINK
WHOA!
AAAAAAGH!
RUMBLE

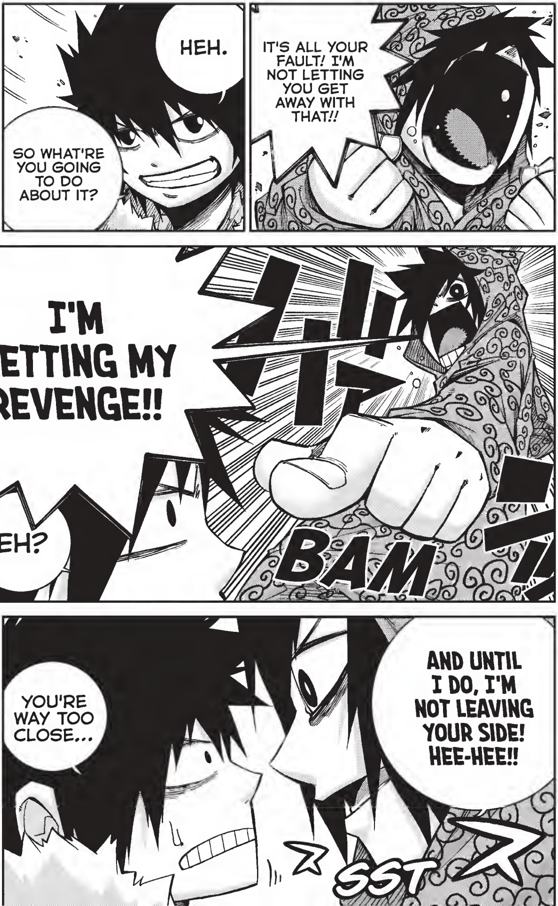

♪♪?
I THOUGHT YOU WERE LOSERS, BUT YOU'RE REALLY MAGIC USERS?! ♫
FWAP
♪♪!
PA-KRAK
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
♫ NOW I CAN'T SEE, AND I SURE CAN'T FLEE! ♪
THWUMP
URGH— ♫

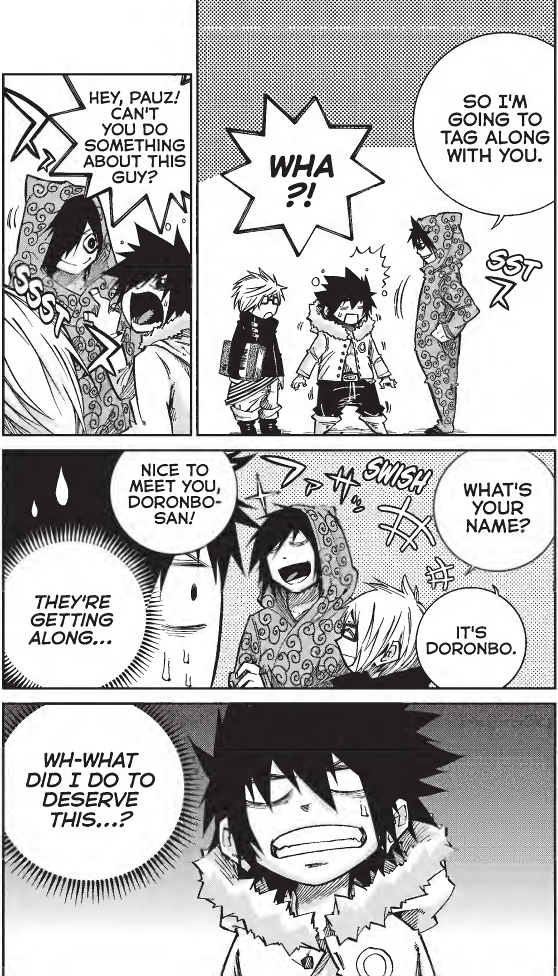

KA-KLANK
KA-KLUNK
KA-KLANK
THESE GUYS WERE A PIECE OF CAKE.
HAD TO STOP HIM EVENTUALLY.
WHOOOOOSH
AH!
GRAY-SAN! THE KING MOLES–
NOD


PWEET
PWEET
HUG
DIVE
ROLL ROLL ROLL
?!
I guess they're fine...?
BAM
KING MOLES ONLY BREED ONCE EVERY FEW YEARS. CHILDREN ARE THE RAREST OF THE RARE...
...
SO THEIR LOVE FOR THEIR CHILDREN IS STRONGER THAN JUST ABOUT ANY OTHER ANIMAL YOU'LL FIND.


IN ANY CASE...I'M GLAD WE GOT HIM BACK TO HIS FAMILY.
SPEAKING OF WHICH, PAUZ...
ARE YOU ALONE, TOO...?
...
I DON'T FEEL LONELY.
YOU CAN ALWAYS MEET PEOPLE IF YOU'RE ON A JOURNEY. JUST LIKE HOW I MET YOU TODAY, GRAY-SAN.
ANOTHER DAY OF GOOD DEEDS, KID?
ZSH
?!

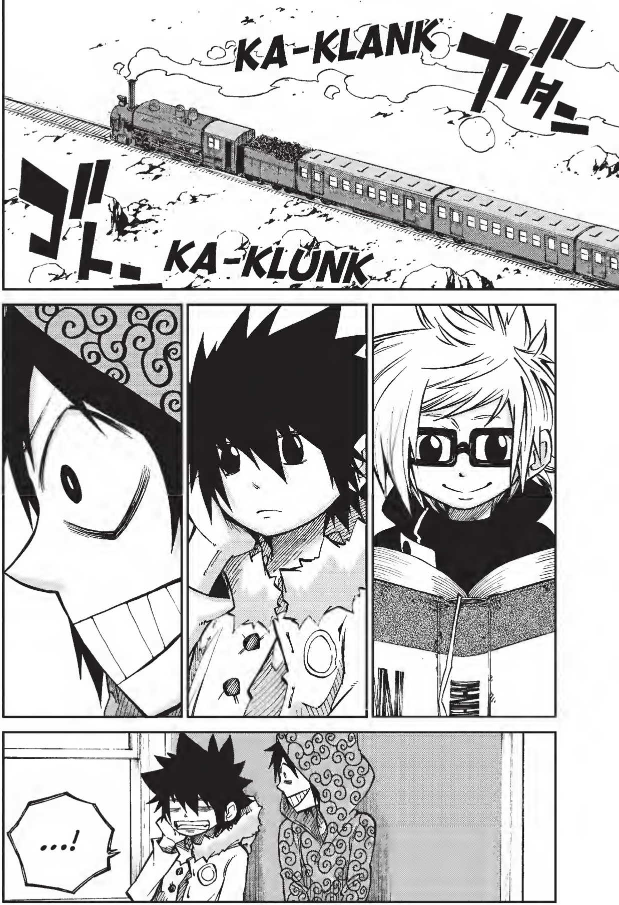

HEE-HEE...
SWISH
ファサッ...
TA-DAAA
HEY!! YOU'RE...
...THAT THIEF FROM EARLIER!
?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE...?!
WHAT AM I DOING...?!
IN ALL MY TIME AS A THIEF...I'VE NEVER BEEN IN A MORE SORRY STATE THAN THAT DAY...
プル
QUIVER
プル
QUIVER

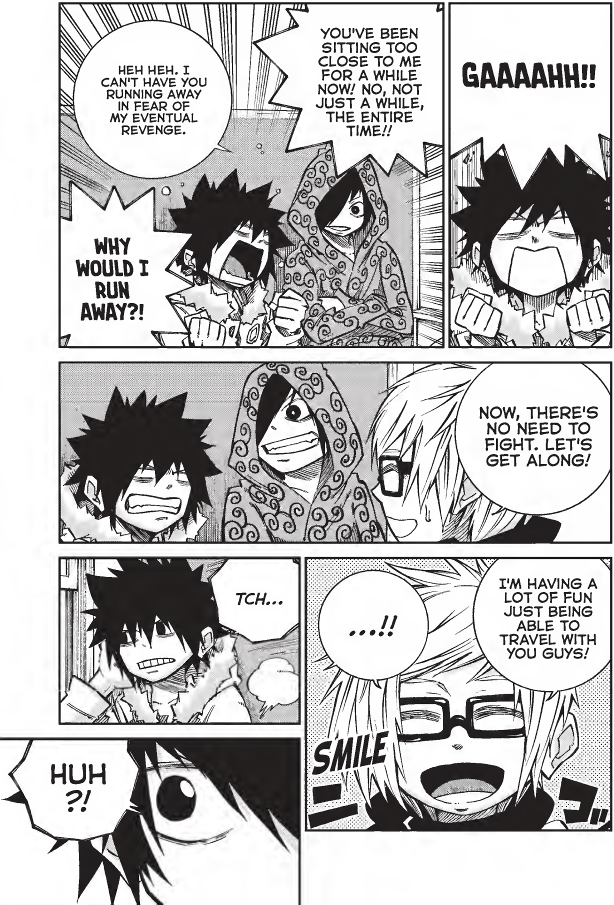

IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT! I'M NOT LETTING YOU GET AWAY WITH THAT!!
HEH.
SO WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
I'M GETTING MY REVENGE!!
BAM!!
EH?
AND UNTIL I DO, I'M NOT LEAVING YOUR SIDE! HEE-HEE!!
YOU'RE WAY TOO CLOSE...
SST

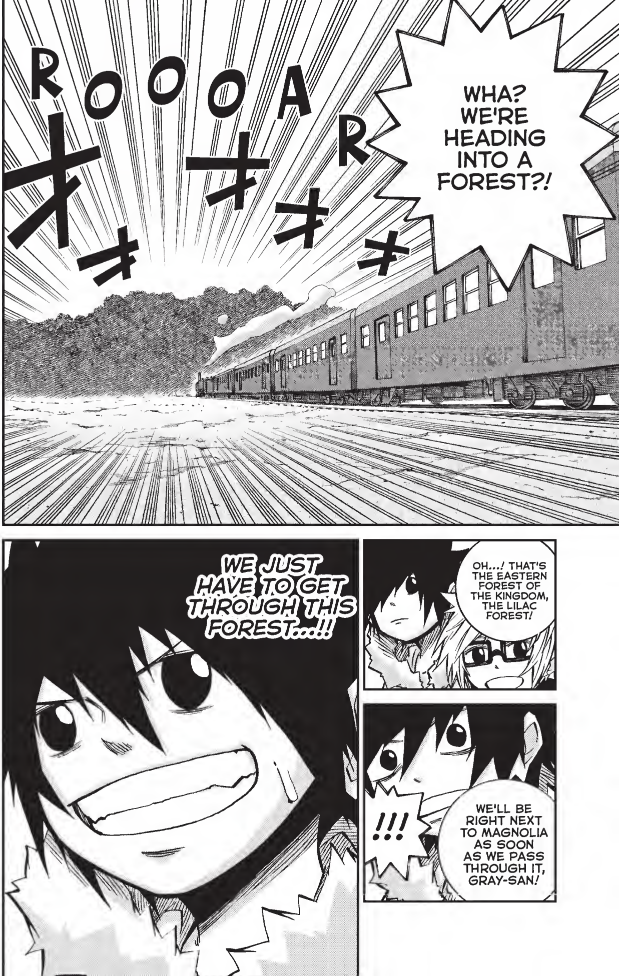

SO I'M GOING TO TAG ALONG WITH YOU.
WHA ?!
SST
HEY, PAUZ! CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS GUY?
SSST
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
IT'S DORONBO.
SWISH
NICE TO MEET YOU, DORONBO-SAN!
THEY'RE GETTING ALONG...
WH-WHAT DID I DO TO DESERVE THIS...?

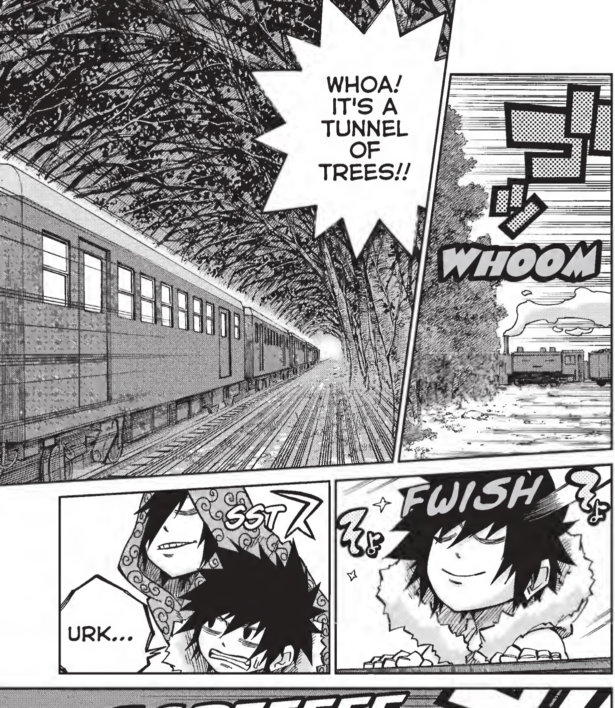
Chapter 10: A Forest Adventure

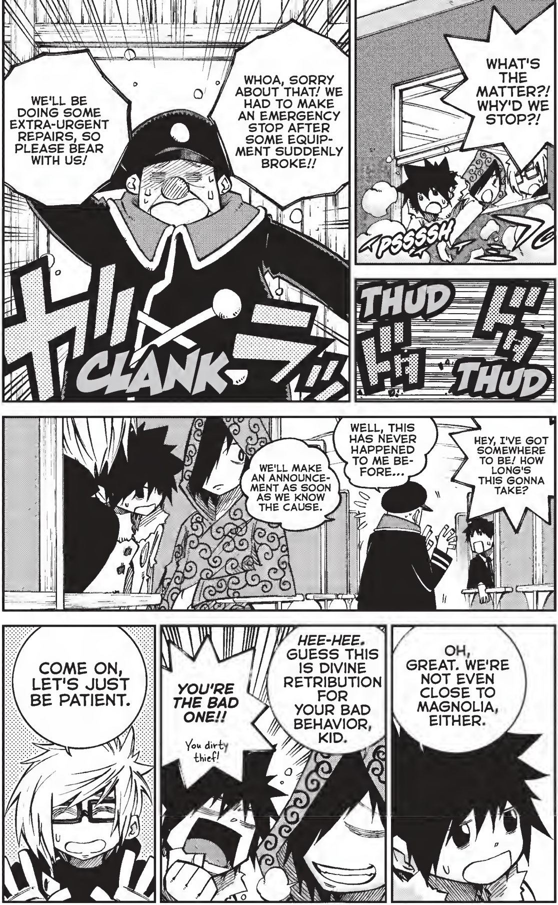
FAIRY TAIL: ICE TRAIL

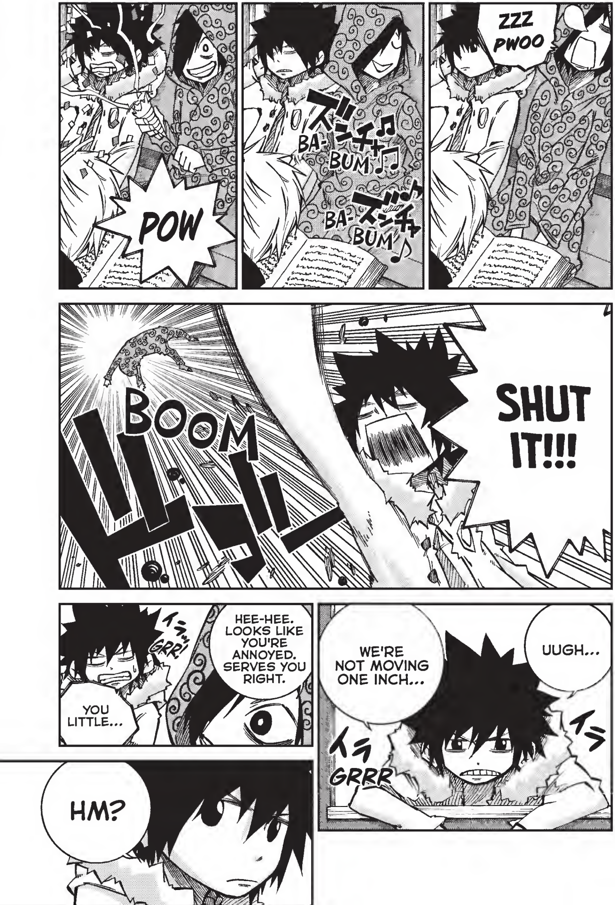

ガタン
KA-KLANK
ゴトン
KA-KLUNK
...!

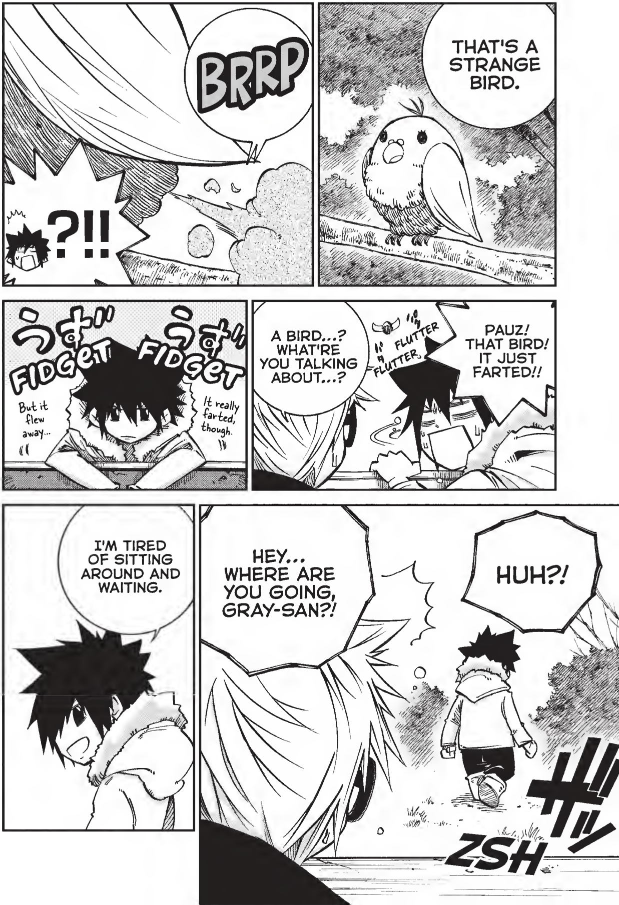

YOU'VE BEEN SITTING TOO CLOSE TO ME FOR A WHILE NOW! NO, NOT JUST A WHILE, THE ENTIRE TIME!!
HEH HEH. I CAN'T HAVE YOU RUNNING AWAY IN FEAR OF MY EVENTUAL REVENGE.
WHY WOULD I RUN AWAY?!
GAAAAHH!!
NOW, THERE'S NO NEED TO FIGHT. LET'S GET ALONG!
TCH...
I'M HAVING A LOT OF FUN JUST BEING ABLE TO TRAVEL WITH YOU GUYS!
...!!
SMILE
HUH ?!

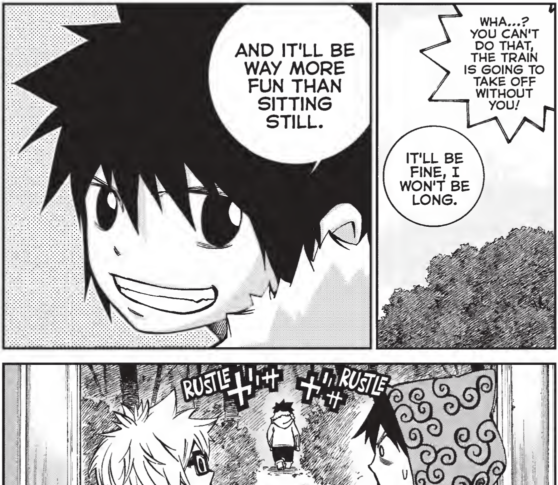

ROOOAR
オォオオォ
WHA? WE'RE HEADING INTO A FOREST?!
OH...! THAT'S THE EASTERN FOREST OF THE KINGDOM, THE LILAC FOREST!
WE'LL BE RIGHT NEXT TO MAGNOLIA AS SOON AS WE PASS THROUGH IT, GRAY-SAN!
!!!
WE JUST HAVE TO GET THROUGH THIS FOREST...!!

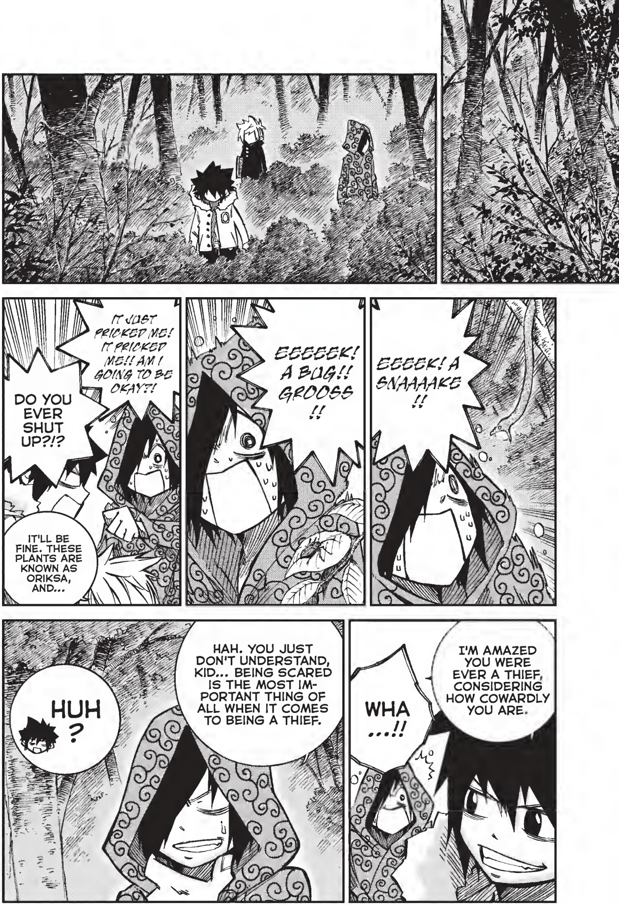

WHOOM
WHOA! IT'S A TUNNEL OF TREES!!
FWISH
そよ
そよ
SST
URK...
SGREEEEE
?!

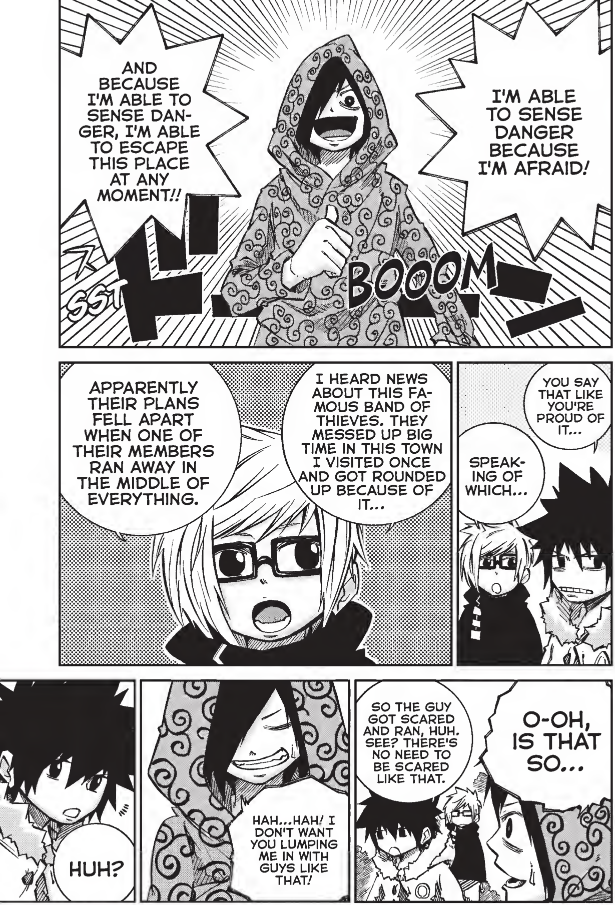

WHAT'S THE MATTER?! WHY'D WE STOP?!
PSSSSH
THUD THUD
WHOA, SORRY ABOUT THAT! WE HAD TO MAKE AN EMERGENCY STOP AFTER SOME EQUIPMENT SUDDENLY BROKE!!
WE'LL BE DOING SOME EXTRA-URGENT REPAIRS, SO PLEASE BEAR WITH US!
CLANK
HEY, I'VE GOT SOMEWHERE TO BE! HOW LONG'S THIS GONNA TAKE?
WELL, THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED TO ME BEFORE...
WE'LL MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AS SOON AS WE KNOW THE CAUSE.
OH, GREAT. WE'RE NOT EVEN CLOSE TO MAGNOLIA, EITHER.
HEE-HEE. GUESS THIS IS DIVINE RETRIBUTION FOR YOUR BAD BEHAVIOR, KID.
YOU'RE THE BAD ONE!!
You dirty thief!
COME ON, LET'S JUST BE PATIENT.

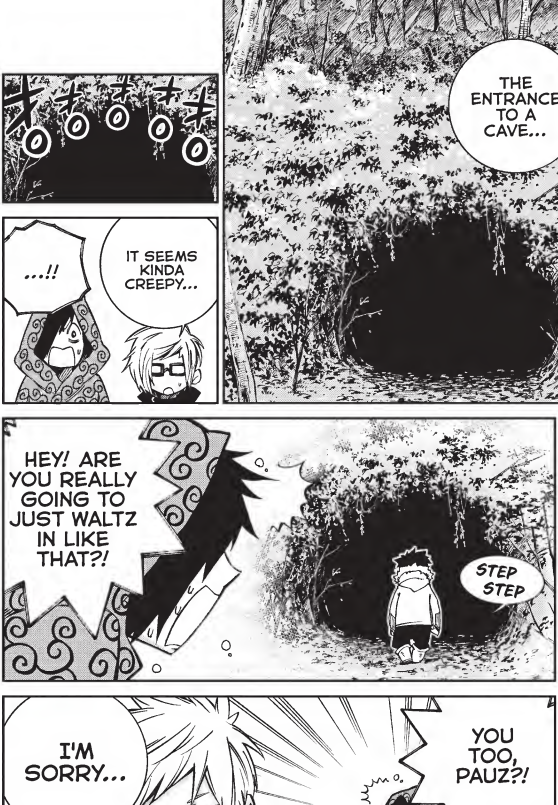

ZZZ
PWOO
ズンチャ♫
BA-BUM♫
ズンチャ♪
BA-BUM♪
POW
BOOM
SHUT IT!!!
UUGH...
WE'RE NOT MOVING ONE INCH...
イラ
イラ
GRRR
イラ
GRR!
HEE-HEE. LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ANNOYED. SERVES YOU RIGHT.
YOU LITTLE...
HM?

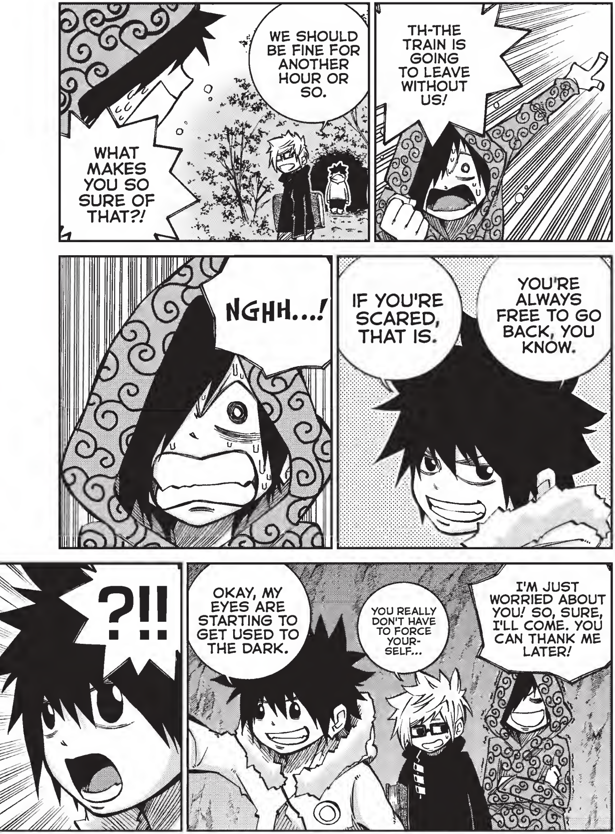

THAT'S A STRANGE BIRD.
BRRP
?!!
PAUZ! THAT BIRD! IT JUST FARTED!!
FLUTTER FLUTTER
A BIRD...? WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
うずうず FIDGET FIDGET
It really farted, though.
But it flew away...
HUH?!
HEY... WHERE ARE YOU GOING, GRAY-SAN?!
ザッ ZSH
I'M TIRED OF SITTING AROUND AND WAITING.

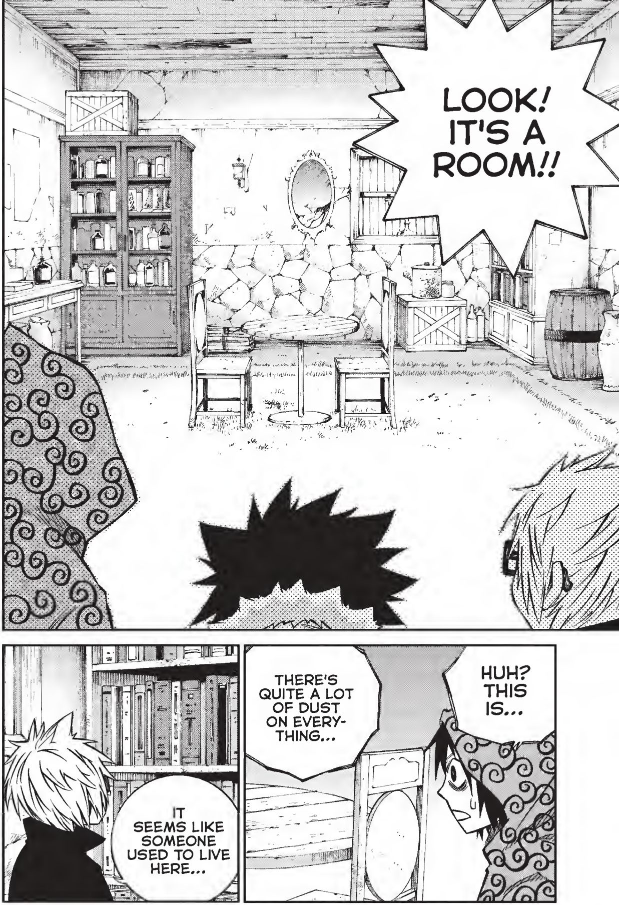

AND IT'LL BE WAY MORE FUN THAN SITTING STILL.
WHA...? YOU CAN'T DO THAT, THE TRAIN IS GOING TO TAKE OFF WITHOUT YOU!
IT'LL BE FINE, I WON'T BE LONG.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
I...I'M COMING TOO!
OW!
SPLAT
UMM...
ERR....
WHA ?!
I'LL GO TOO. I CAN'T LET HIM RUN AWAY.
ZSH

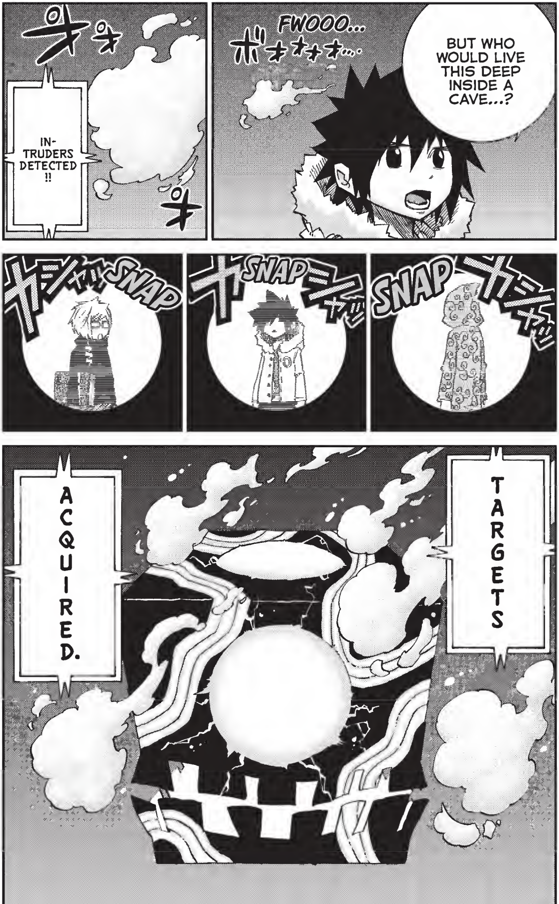

EEEEEK! A SNAAAAKE!!
EEEEEK! A BUG!! GROSS!!
IT JUST PRICKED ME! IT PRICKED ME!! AM I GOING TO BE OKAY?!
DO YOU EVER SHUT UP?!?
IT'LL BE FINE. THESE PLANTS ARE KNOWN AS ORIKSA, AND...
I'M AMAZED YOU WERE EVER A THIEF, CONSIDERING HOW COWARDLY YOU ARE.
WHA...!!
HAH. YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, KID... BEING SCARED IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL WHEN IT COMES TO BEING A THIEF.
HUH?

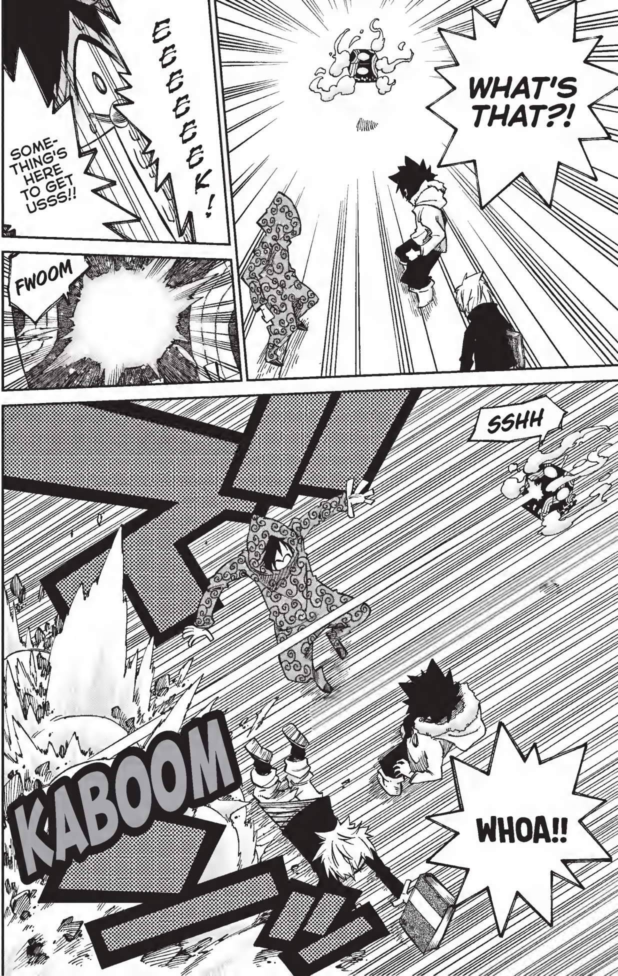

I'M ABLE TO SENSE DANGER BECAUSE I'M AFRAID!
AND BECAUSE I'M ABLE TO SENSE DANGER, I'M ABLE TO ESCAPE THIS PLACE AT ANY MOMENT!!
BOOOM
SST
YOU SAY THAT LIKE YOU'RE PROUD OF IT...
SPEAKING OF WHICH...
I HEARD NEWS ABOUT THIS FAMOUS BAND OF THIEVES. THEY MESSED UP BIG TIME IN THIS TOWN I VISITED ONCE AND GOT ROUNDED UP BECAUSE OF IT...
APPARENTLY THEIR PLANS FELL APART WHEN ONE OF THEIR MEMBERS RAN AWAY IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING.
O-OH, IS THAT SO...
SO THE GUY GOT SCARED AND RAN, HUH. SEE? THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SCARED LIKE THAT.
HAH...HAH! I DON'T WANT YOU LUMPING ME IN WITH GUYS LIKE THAT!
HUH?

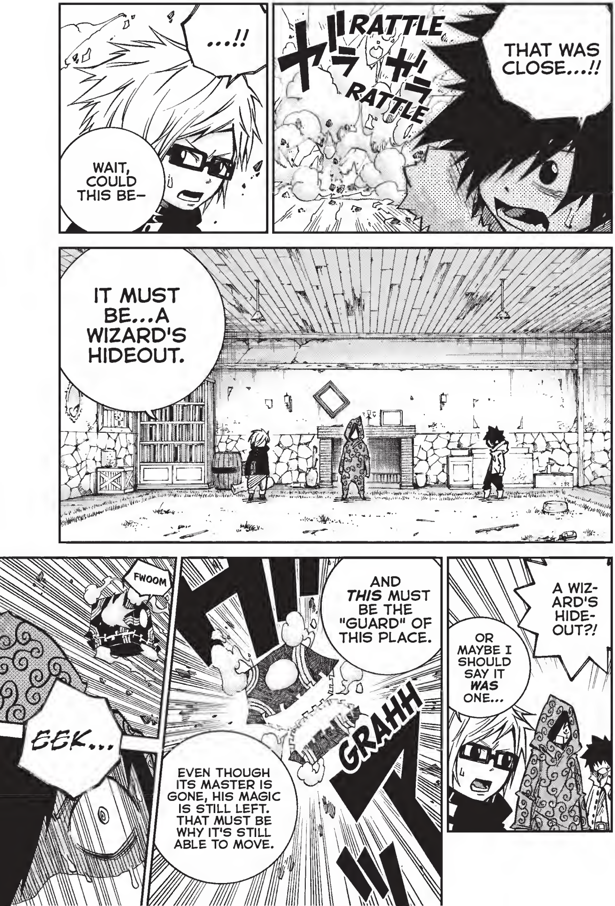

THE ENTRANCE TO A CAVE...
IT SEEMS KINDA CREEPY...
...!!
STEP STEP
HEY! ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO JUST WALTZ IN LIKE THAT?!
YOU TOO, PAUZ?!
I'M SORRY...

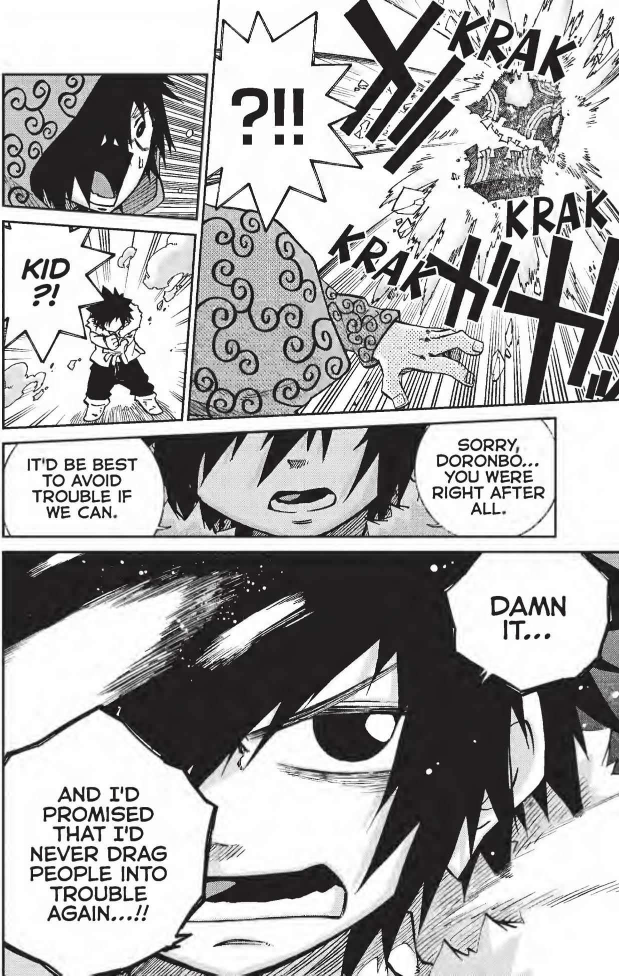

TH-THE TRAIN IS GOING TO LEAVE WITHOUT US!
WE SHOULD BE FINE FOR ANOTHER HOUR OR SO.
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE OF THAT?!
YOU'RE ALWAYS FREE TO GO BACK, YOU KNOW.
IF YOU'RE SCARED, THAT IS.
NGHH...!
I'M JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU! SO, SURE, I'LL COME. YOU CAN THANK ME LATER!
YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF...
OKAY, MY EYES ARE STARTING TO GET USED TO THE DARK.
?!!

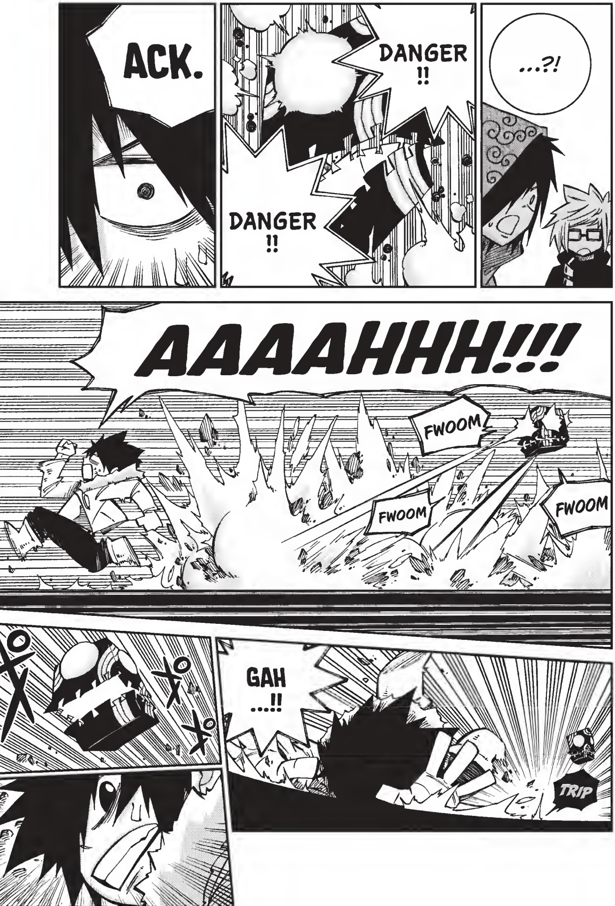

LOOK! IT'S A ROOM!!
HUH? THIS IS...
THERE'S QUITE A LOT OF DUST ON EVERYTHING...
IT SEEMS LIKE SOMEONE USED TO LIVE HERE...

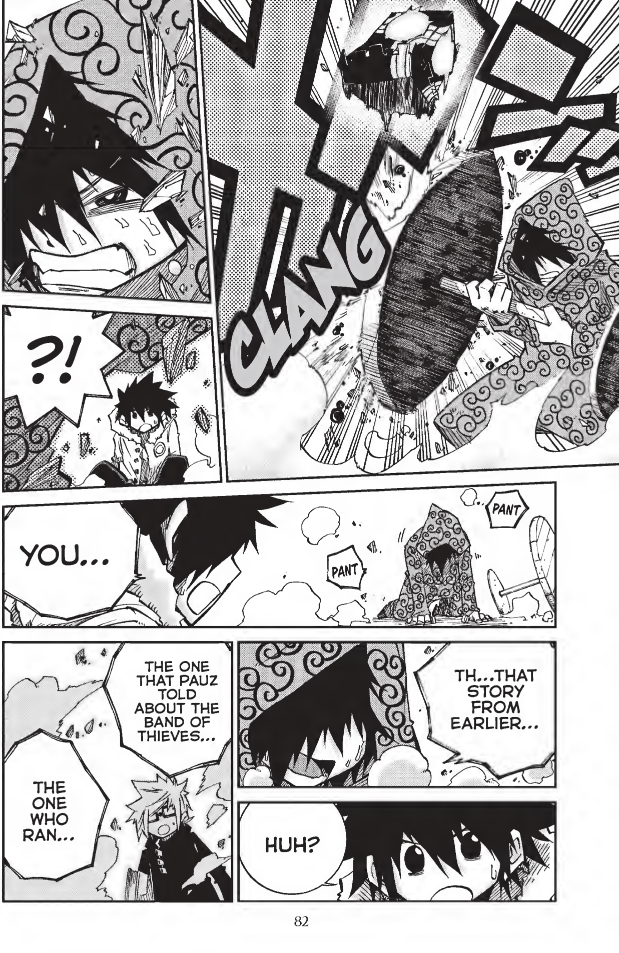

FWOOO...
ボォォォ…
BUT WHO WOULD LIVE THIS DEEP INSIDE A CAVE...?
ポォ
INTRUDERS DETECTED!!
ポォ
ガシャッ
SNAP
SNAP
ガシャッ
SNAP
ガシャッ
TARGETS
ACQUIRED.

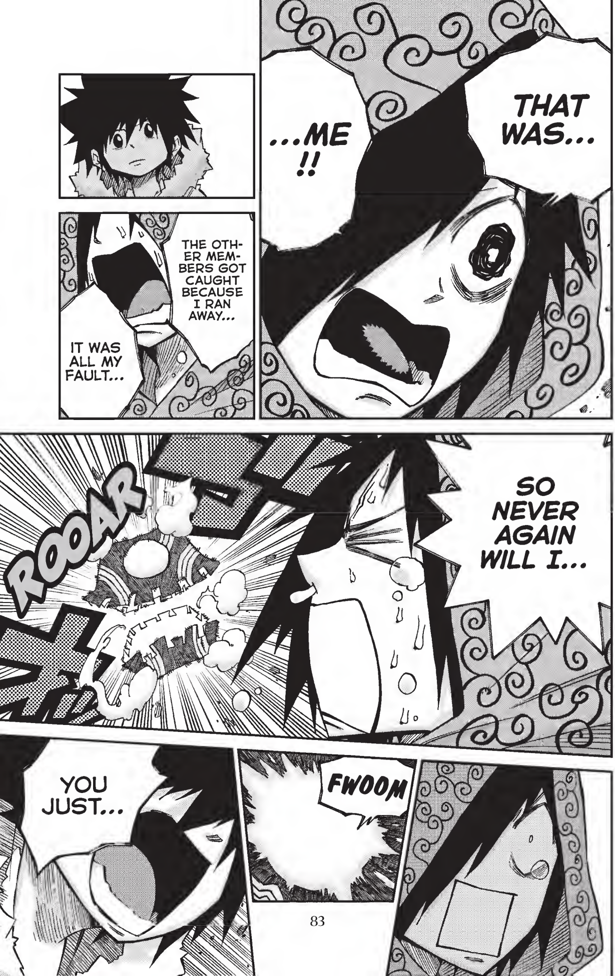

WHAT'S THAT?!
EEEEEEEK!
SOME-THING'S HERE TO GET USSS!!
FWOOM
SSHH
KABOOM
WHOA!!

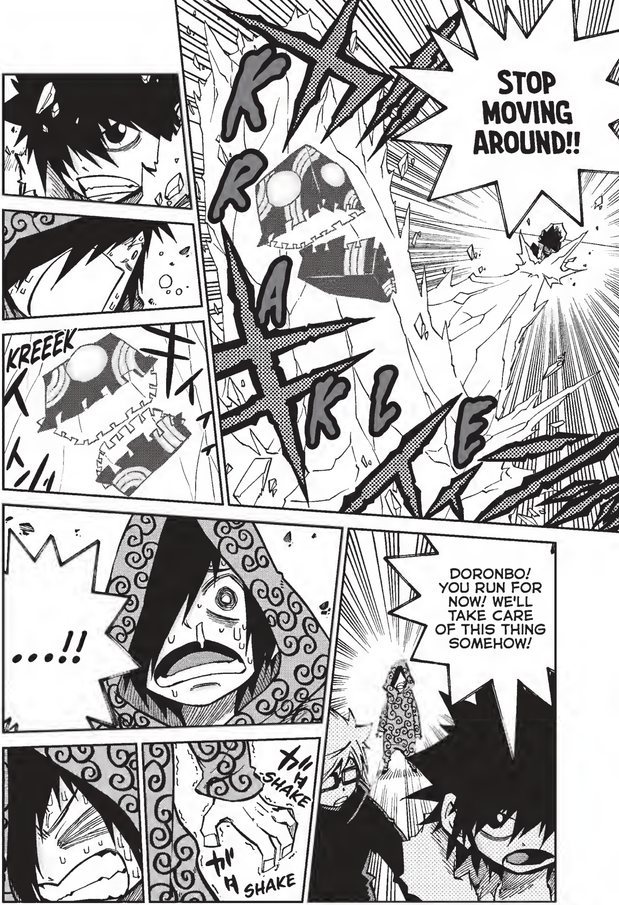

RATTLE
ガラ
RATTLE
ガラ
THAT WAS CLOSE...!!
...!!
WAIT, COULD THIS BE—
IT MUST BE...A WIZARD'S HIDEOUT.
A WIZARD'S HIDEOUT?!
OR MAYBE I SHOULD SAY IT *WAS* ONE...
AND *THIS* MUST BE THE "GUARD" OF THIS PLACE.
GRAHH
EVEN THOUGH ITS MASTER IS GONE, HIS MAGIC IS STILL LEFT. THAT MUST BE WHY IT'S STILL ABLE TO MOVE.
FWOOM
EEK...

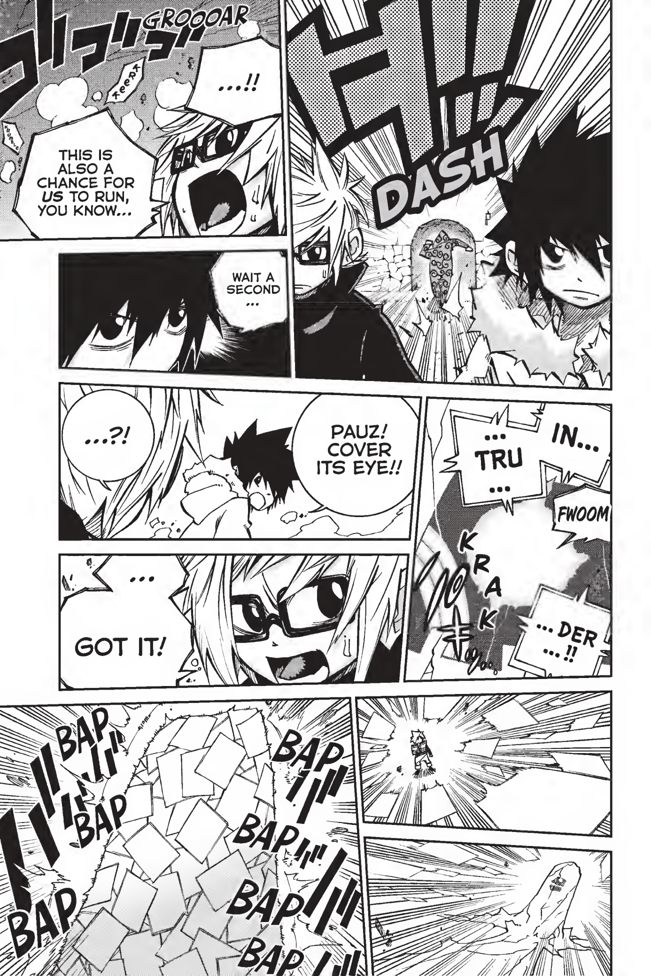

?!!
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
KID ?!
SORRY, DORONBO... YOU WERE RIGHT AFTER ALL.
IT'D BE BEST TO AVOID TROUBLE IF WE CAN.
DAMN IT...
AND I'D PROMISED THAT I'D NEVER DRAG PEOPLE INTO TROUBLE AGAIN...!!

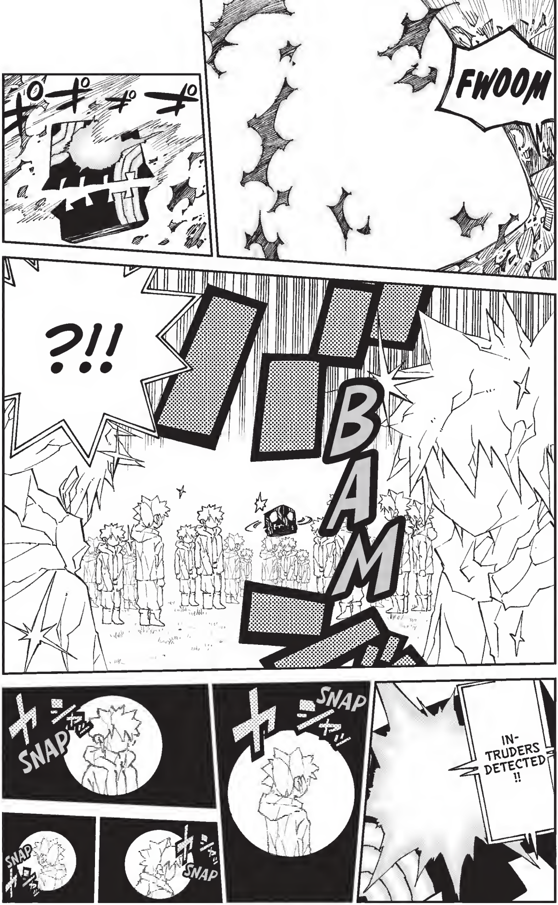

ACK.
DANGER !!
DANGER !!
...?!
AAAAHHH!!!
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
GAH ...!!
TRIP

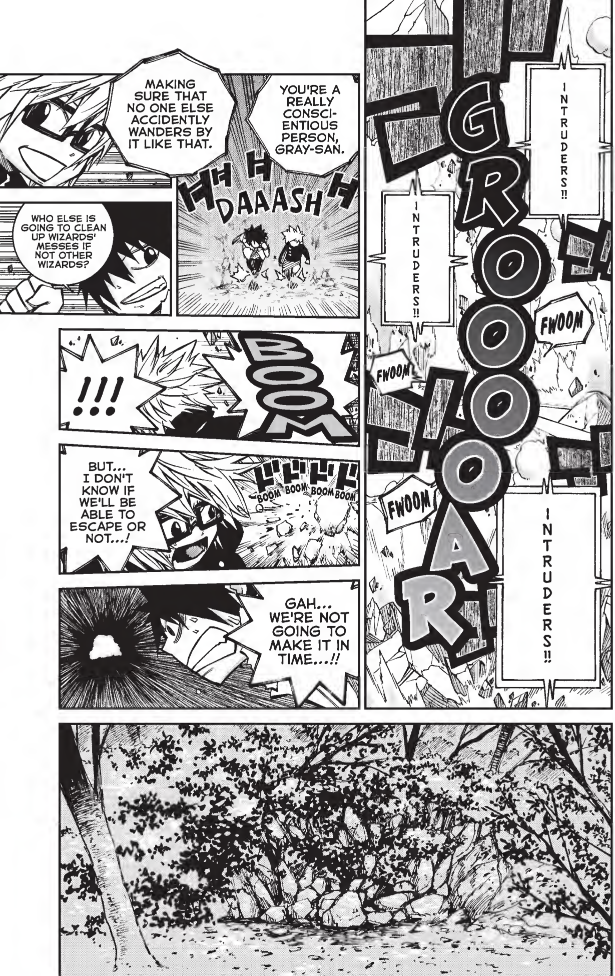

CLANG
?!
YOU...
PANT
PANT
TH...THAT STORY FROM EARLIER...
HUH?
THE ONE THAT PAUZ TOLD ABOUT THE BAND OF THIEVES...
THE ONE WHO RAN...

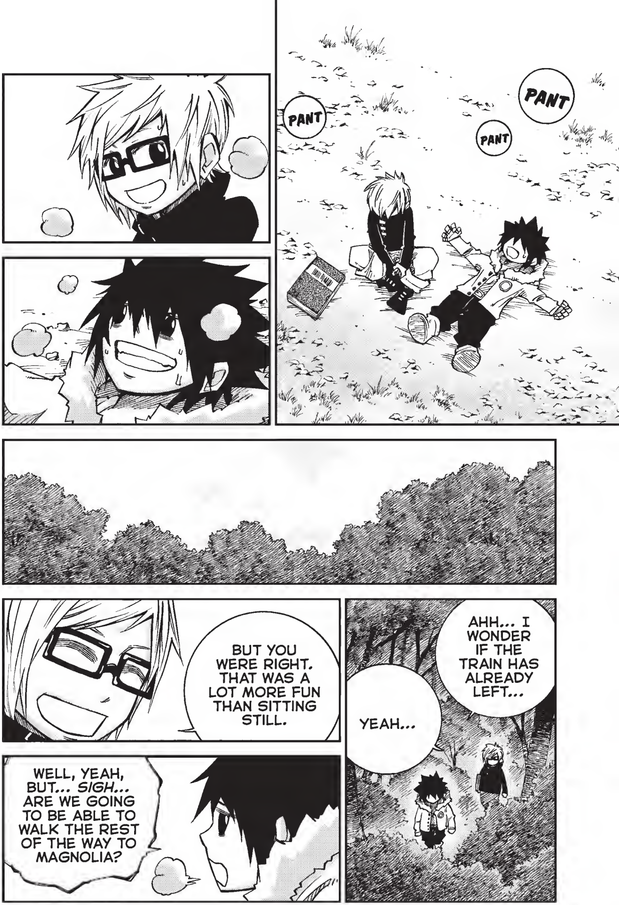

THAT WAS...
...ME !!
THE OTHER MEMBERS GOT CAUGHT BECAUSE I RAN AWAY...
IT WAS ALL MY FAULT...
SO NEVER AGAIN WILL I...
ROOAR
FWOOM
YOU JUST...

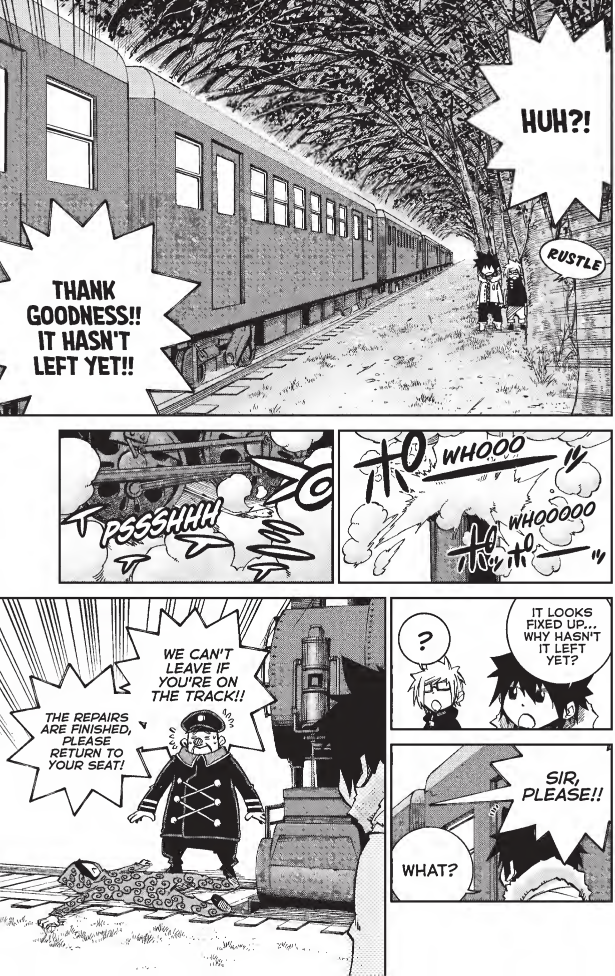

STOP MOVING AROUND!!
KRAKKLE
KREEEK
DORONBO! YOU RUN FOR NOW! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS THING SOMEHOW!
...!!
SHAKE
SHAKE

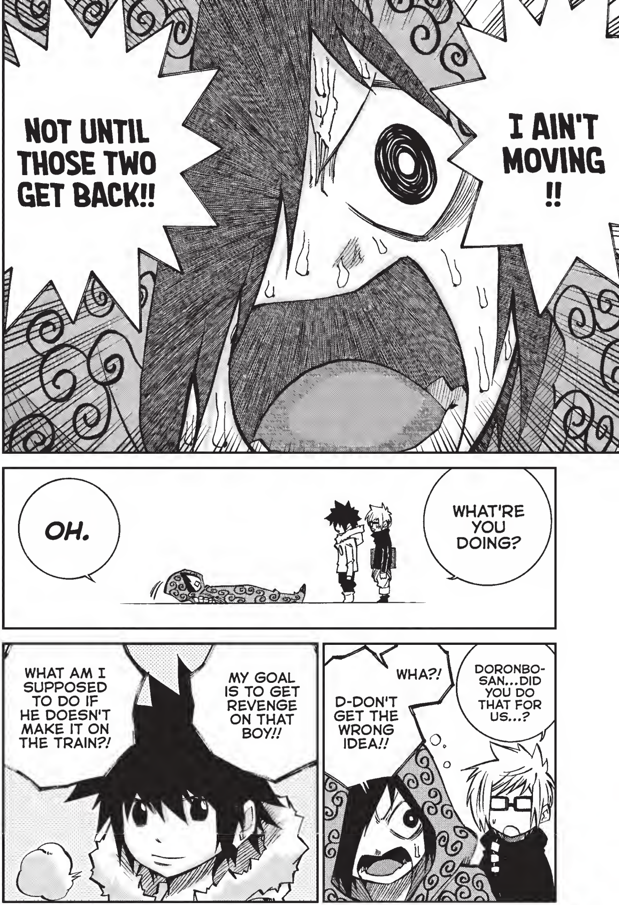

GROOOAR
...!!
THIS IS ALSO A CHANCE FOR *US* TO RUN, YOU KNOW...
RUMBLE
WAIT A SECOND ...
DASH
PAUZ! COVER ITS EYE!!
...?!
... GOT IT!
IN... ... TRU ... ... DER ...!!
FWOOM
KRAK
BAP BAP BAP
BAP BAP BAP BAP BAP

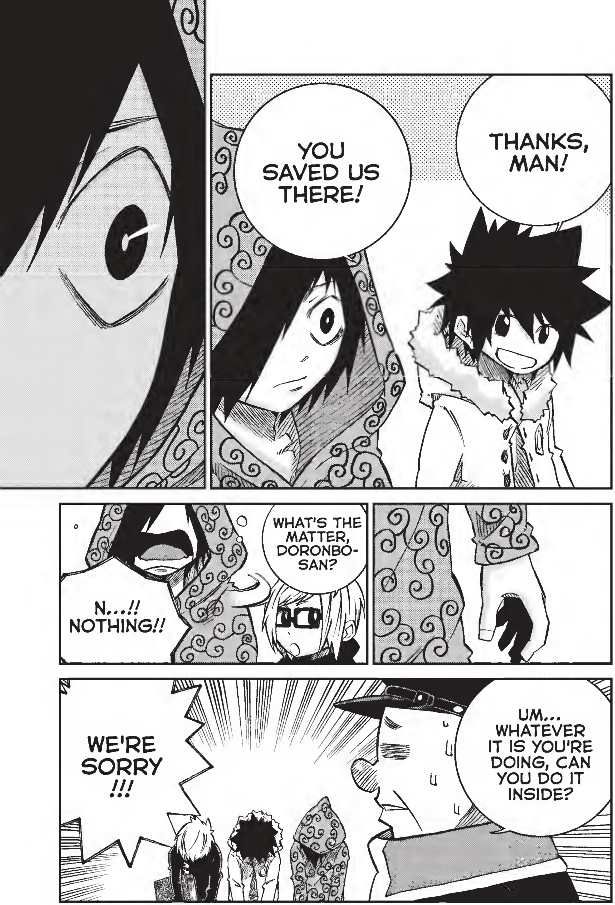

FWOOM
ポポポポ
?!!
BAM
IN-TRUDERS DETECTED !!
SNAP カシャッ
SNAP カシャ
カシャッ SNAP
SNAP カシャッ

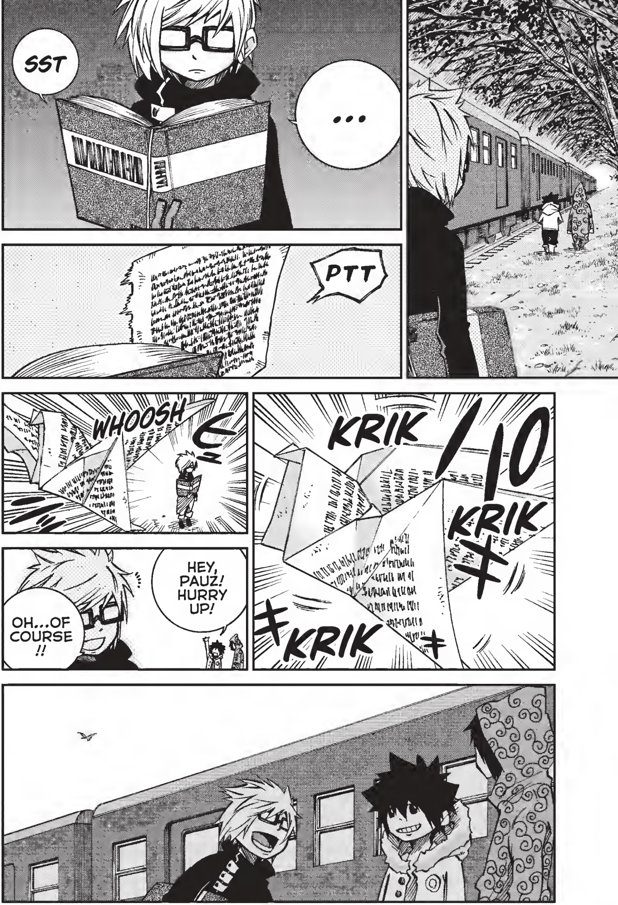

GROOOOOAR
INTRUDERS!!
INTRUDERS!!
FWOOM
FWOOM
FWOOM
INTRUDERS!!
YOU'RE A REALLY CONSCIENTIOUS PERSON, GRAY-SAN.
MAKING SURE THAT NO ONE ELSE ACCIDENTLY WANDERS BY IT LIKE THAT.
DAAASH
WHO ELSE IS GOING TO CLEAN UP WIZARDS' MESSES IF NOT OTHER WIZARDS?
BOOM
!!!
BOOM BOOM BOOM BOOM
BUT... I DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE OR NOT...!
GAH... WE'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT IN TIME...!!


PANT
PANT
PANT
AHH... I WONDER IF THE TRAIN HAS ALREADY LEFT...
YEAH...
BUT YOU WERE RIGHT. THAT WAS A LOT MORE FUN THAN SITTING STILL.
WELL, YEAH, BUT... *SIGH*... ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO WALK THE REST OF THE WAY TO MAGNOLIA?


HUH?!
RUSTLE
THANK GOODNESS!! IT HASN'T LEFT YET!!
ポー
WHOOO
ポッポー
WHOOOOO
PSSSHHH
IT LOOKS FIXED UP... WHY HASN'T IT LEFT YET?
?
SIR, PLEASE!!
WHAT?
WE CAN'T LEAVE IF YOU'RE ON THE TRACK!!
THE REPAIRS ARE FINISHED, PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR SEAT!

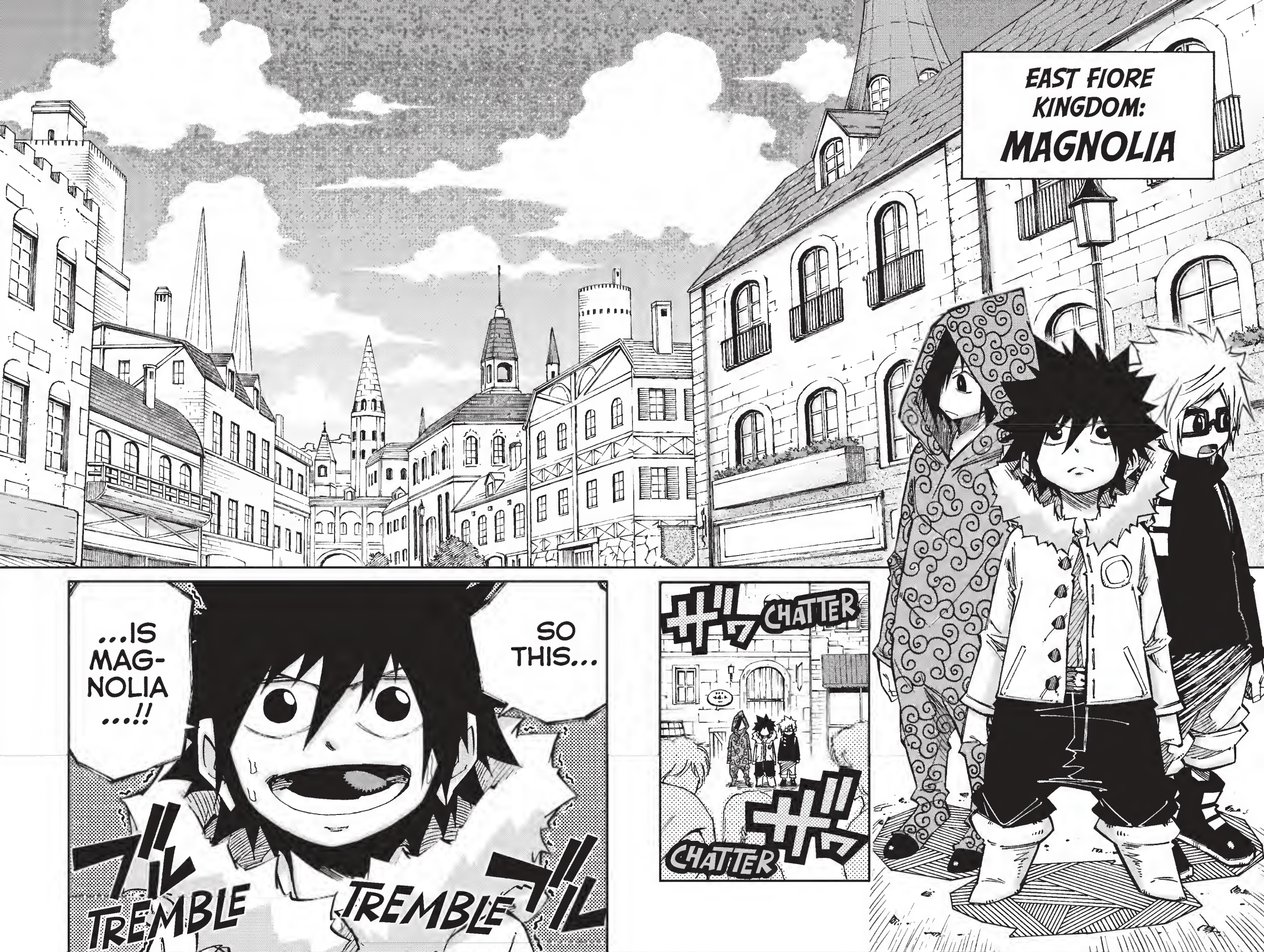

I AIN'T MOVING !!
NOT UNTIL THOSE TWO GET BACK!!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
OH.
DORONBO-SAN...DID YOU DO THAT FOR US...?
WHA?!
D-DON'T GET THE WRONG IDEA!!
MY GOAL IS TO GET REVENGE ON THAT BOY!!
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO IF HE DOESN'T MAKE IT ON THE TRAIN?!

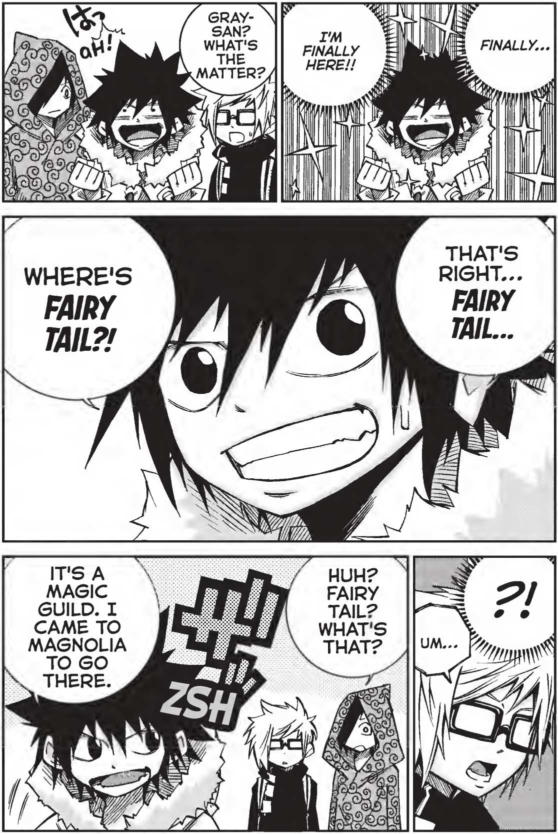

THANKS, MAN!
YOU SAVED US THERE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, DORONBO-SAN?
N...!! NOTHING!!
UM... WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE DOING, CAN YOU DO IT INSIDE?
WE'RE SORRY!!!


SST
...
PTT
WHOOSH
KRIK
KRIK
KRIK
HEY, PAUZ! HURRY UP!
OH...OF COURSE !!

Chapter 11: Closer

FAIRY TAIL: ICE TRAIL


EAST FIORE KINGDOM: MAGNOLIA
CHATTER
CHATTER
SO THIS...
...IS MAGNOLIA...!!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE


FINALLY...
I'M FINALLY HERE!!
GRAY-SAN? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
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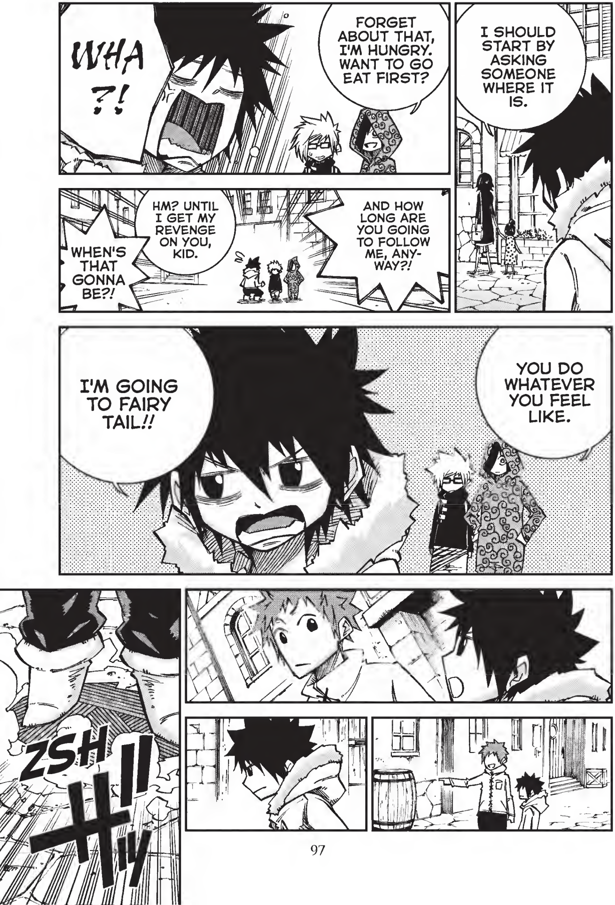
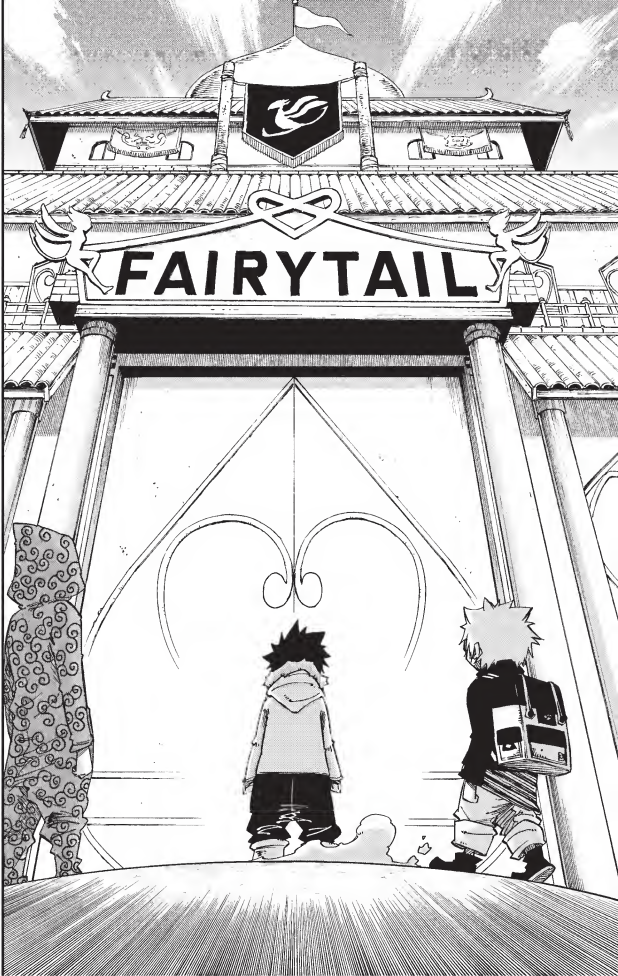
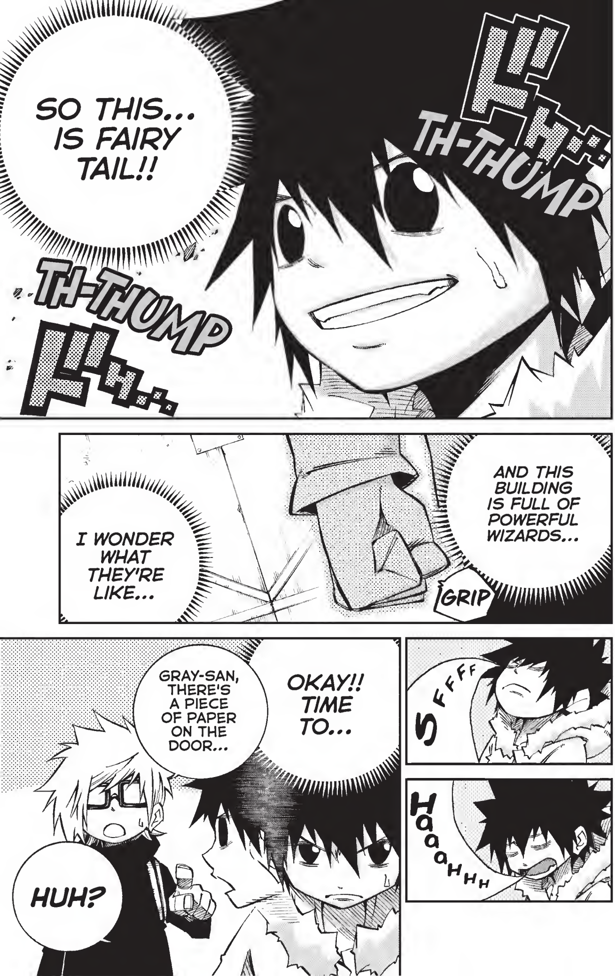
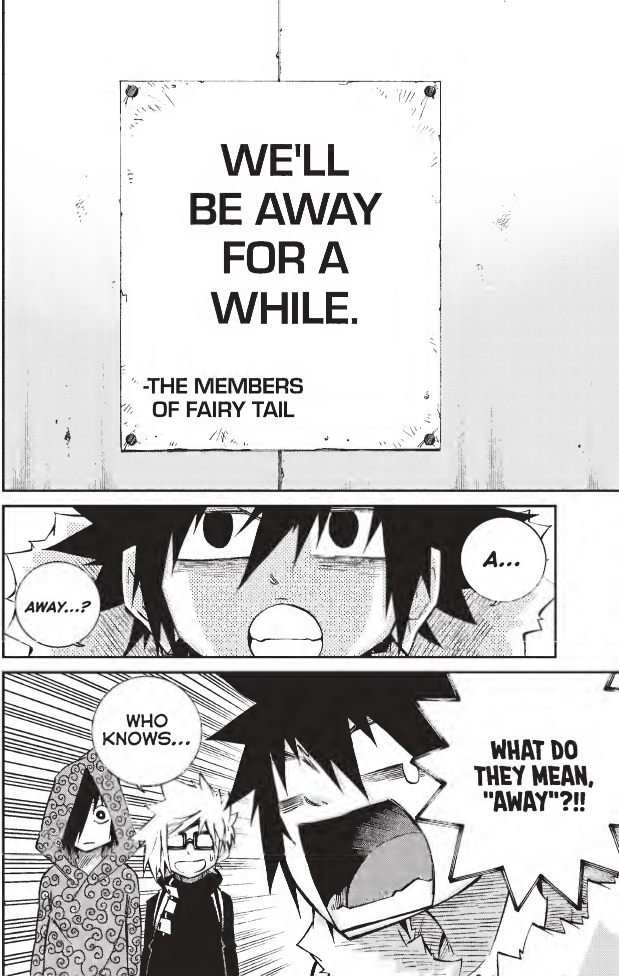
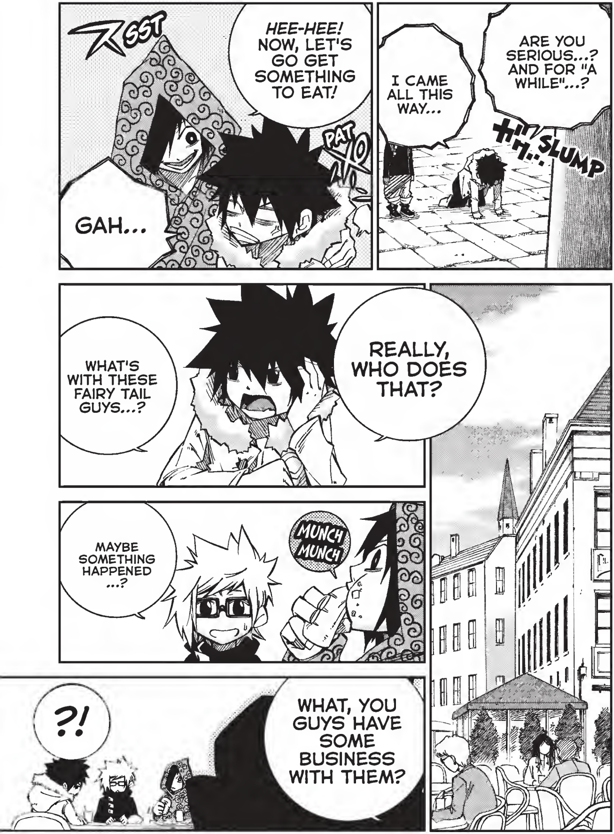
AH!
THAT'S RIGHT... FAIRY TAIL...
WHERE'S FAIRY TAIL?!
?!
UM...
HUH? FAIRY TAIL? WHAT'S THAT?
ZSH
IT'S A MAGIC GUILD. I CAME TO MAGNOLIA TO GO THERE.

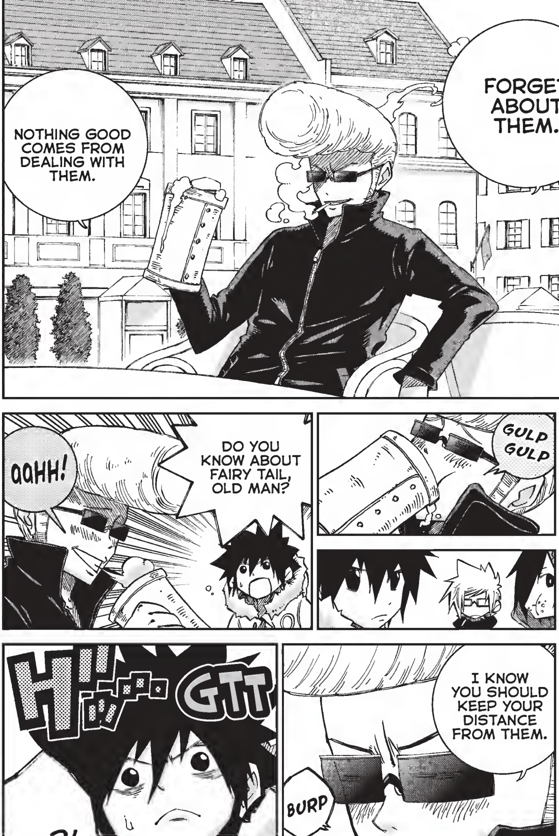

I SHOULD START BY ASKING SOMEONE WHERE IT IS.
FORGET ABOUT THAT, I'M HUNGRY. WANT TO GO EAT FIRST?
WHA ?!
AND HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW ME, ANYWAY?!
HM? UNTIL I GET MY REVENGE ON YOU, KID.
WHEN'S THAT GONNA BE?!
YOU DO WHATEVER YOU FEEL LIKE.
I'M GOING TO FAIRY TAIL!!
ZSH!!

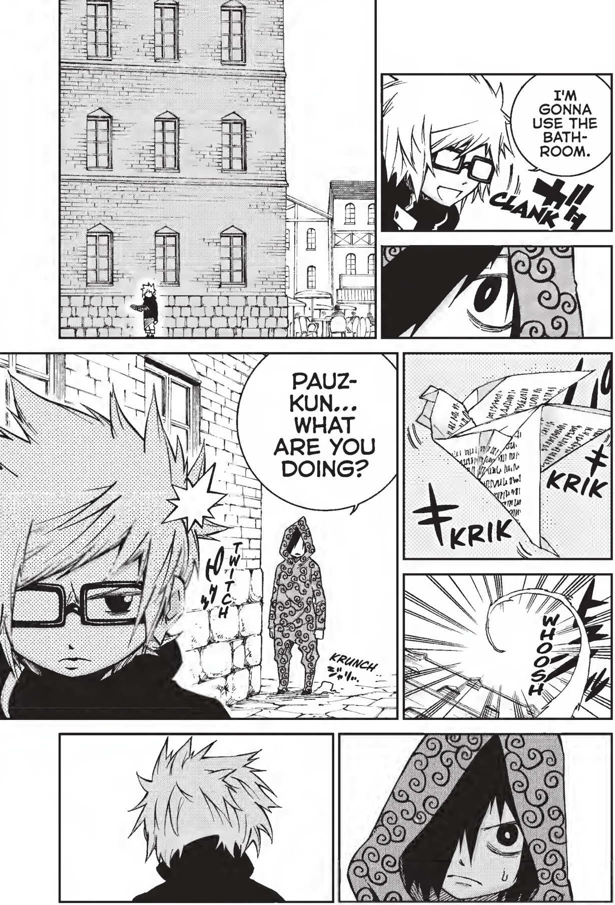

FAIRYTAIL

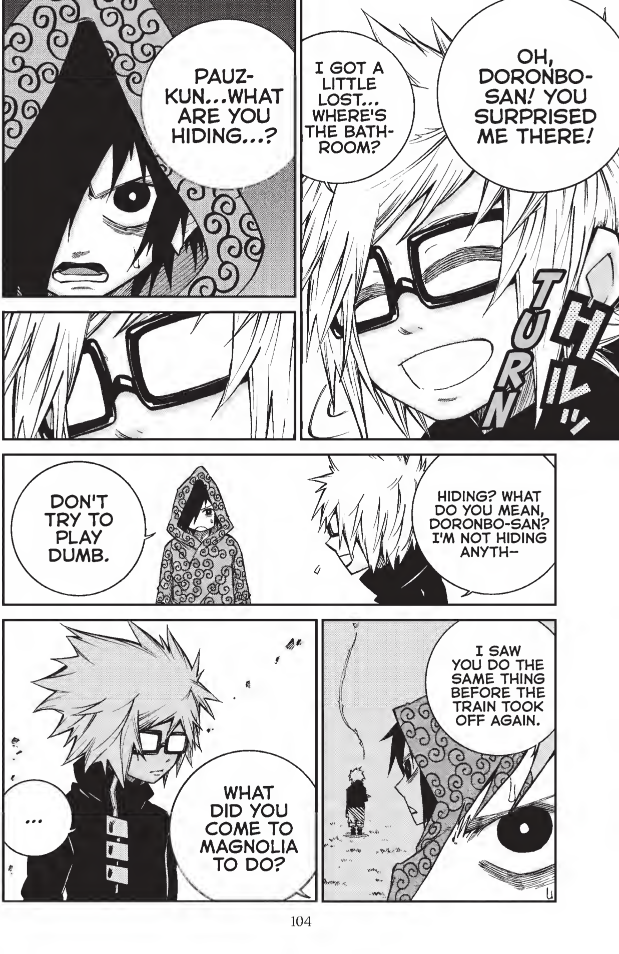

SO THIS... IS FAIRY TAIL!!
ドッ...
TH-THUMP
TH-THUMP
ドッ...
AND THIS BUILDING IS FULL OF POWERFUL WIZARDS...
GRIP
I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE LIKE...
SFFFF
HAAAHHH
OKAY!! TIME TO...
GRAY-SAN, THERE'S A PIECE OF PAPER ON THE DOOR...
HUH?

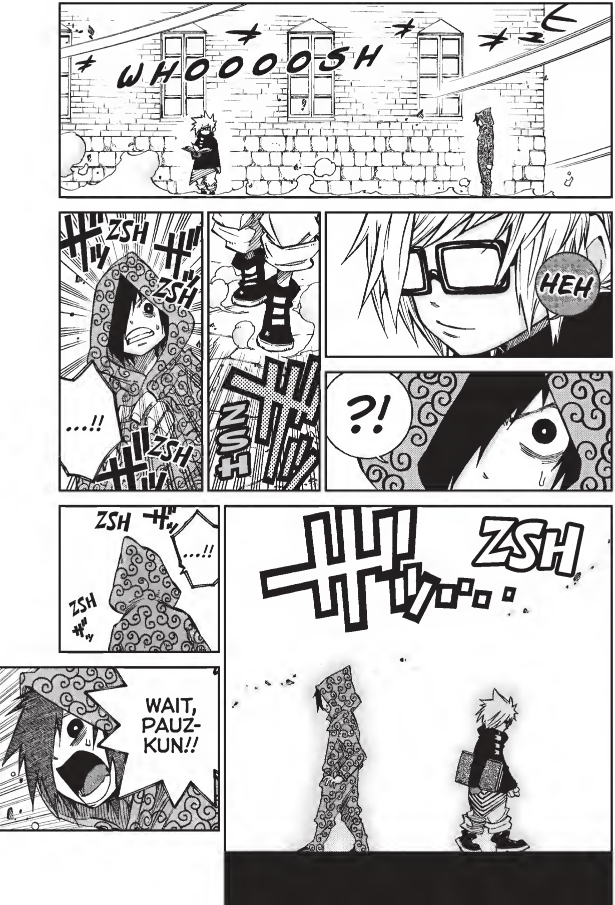

WE'LL BE AWAY FOR A WHILE.
-THE MEMBERS OF FAIRY TAIL
A...
AWAY...?
WHAT DO THEY MEAN, "AWAY"?!!
WHO KNOWS...

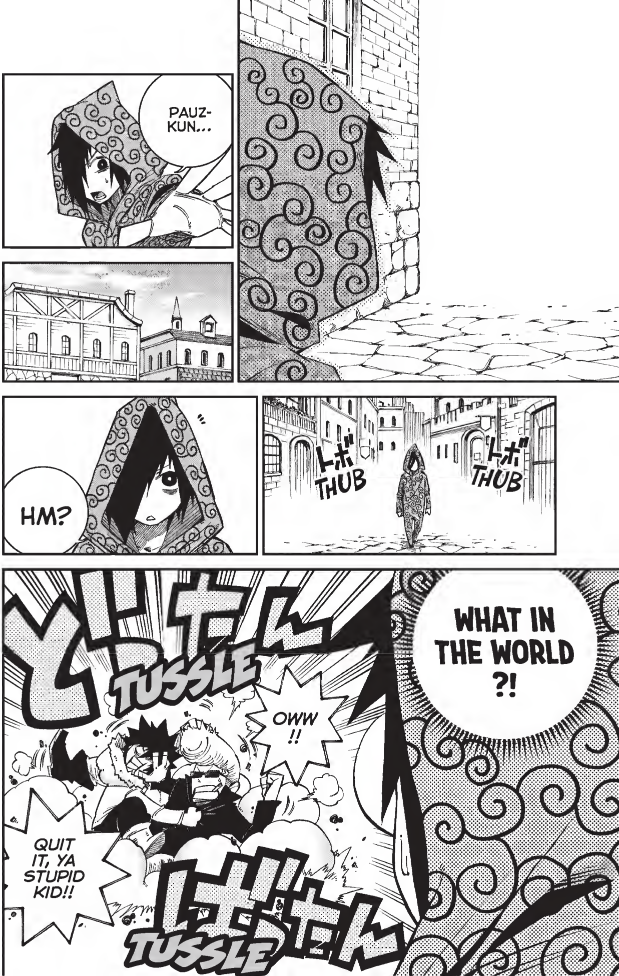

ARE YOU SERIOUS...? AND FOR "A WHILE"...?
I CAME ALL THIS WAY...
SLUMP
HEE-HEE! NOW, LET'S GO GET SOMETHING TO EAT!
PAT
SST
GAH...
REALLY, WHO DOES THAT?
WHAT'S WITH THESE FAIRY TAIL GUYS...?
MUNCH MUNCH
MAYBE SOMETHING HAPPENED ...?
WHAT, YOU GUYS HAVE SOME BUSINESS WITH THEM?
?!

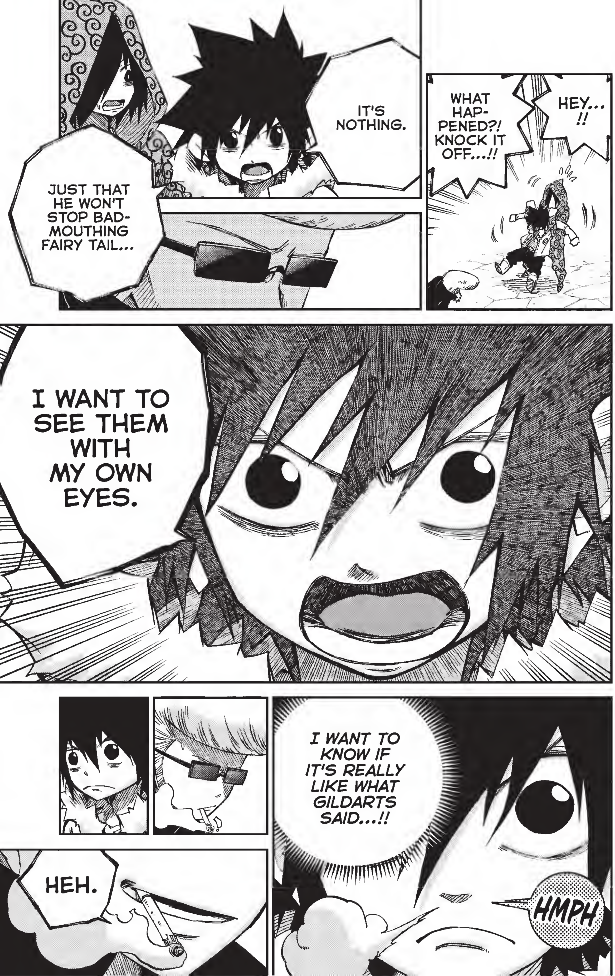

FORGET ABOUT THEM.
NOTHING GOOD COMES FROM DEALING WITH THEM.
GULP GULP
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT FAIRY TAIL, OLD MAN?
aaHH!
I KNOW YOU SHOULD KEEP YOUR DISTANCE FROM THEM.
BURP
GTT
...?!

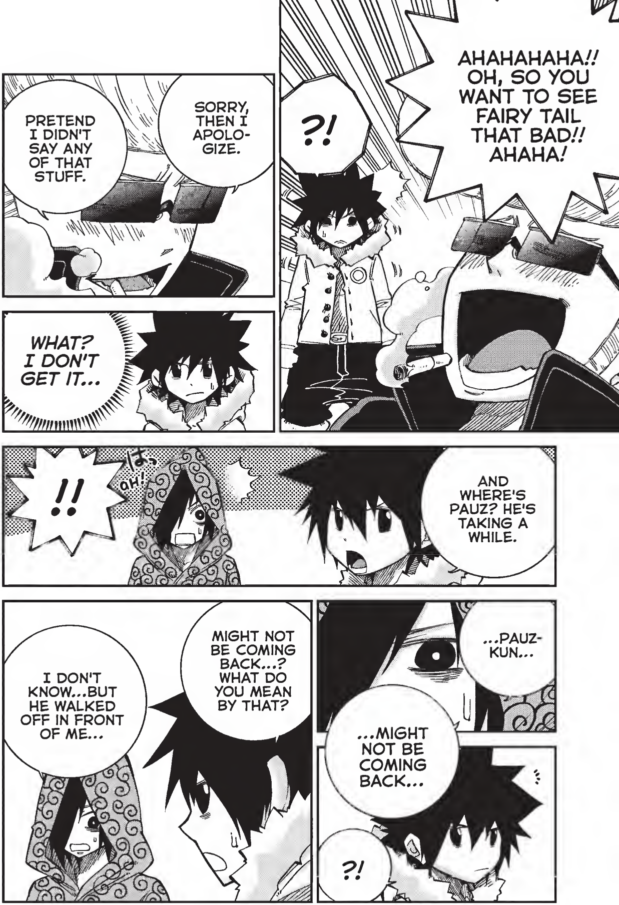

I'M GONNA USE THE BATHROOM.
CLANK
KRIK
KRIK
WHOOSH
PAUZ-KUN... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
TWITCH
KRUNCH
ジャリ…

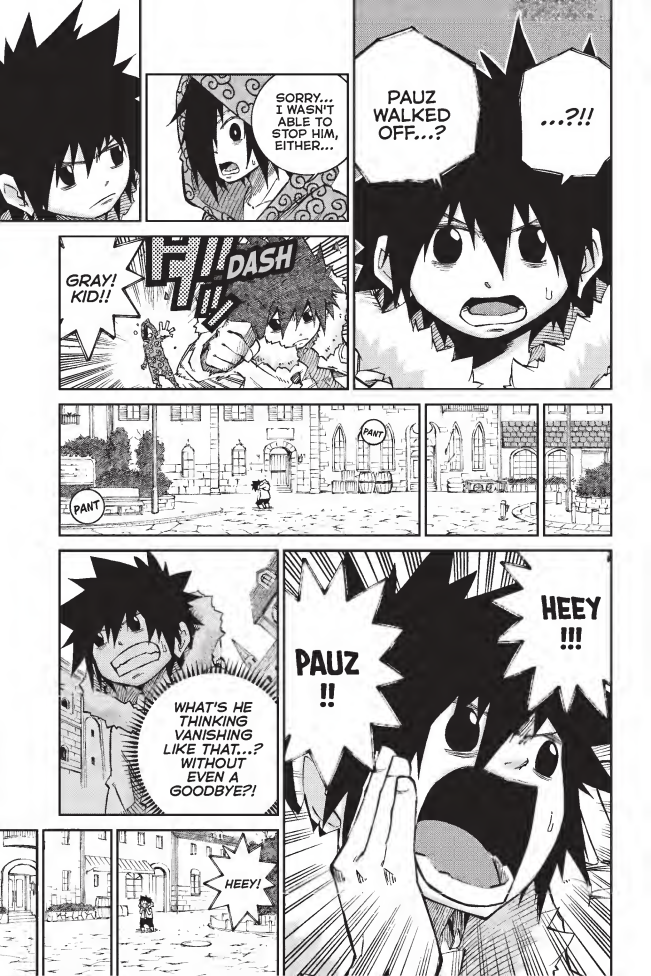

PAUZ-KUN...WHAT ARE YOU HIDING...?
OH, DORONBO-SAN! YOU SURPRISED ME THERE!
I GOT A LITTLE LOST... WHERE'S THE BATHROOM?
TURN
HIDING? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, DORONBO-SAN? I'M NOT HIDING ANYTH–
DON'T TRY TO PLAY DUMB.
I SAW YOU DO THE SAME THING BEFORE THE TRAIN TOOK OFF AGAIN.
WHAT DID YOU COME TO MAGNOLIA TO DO?
...

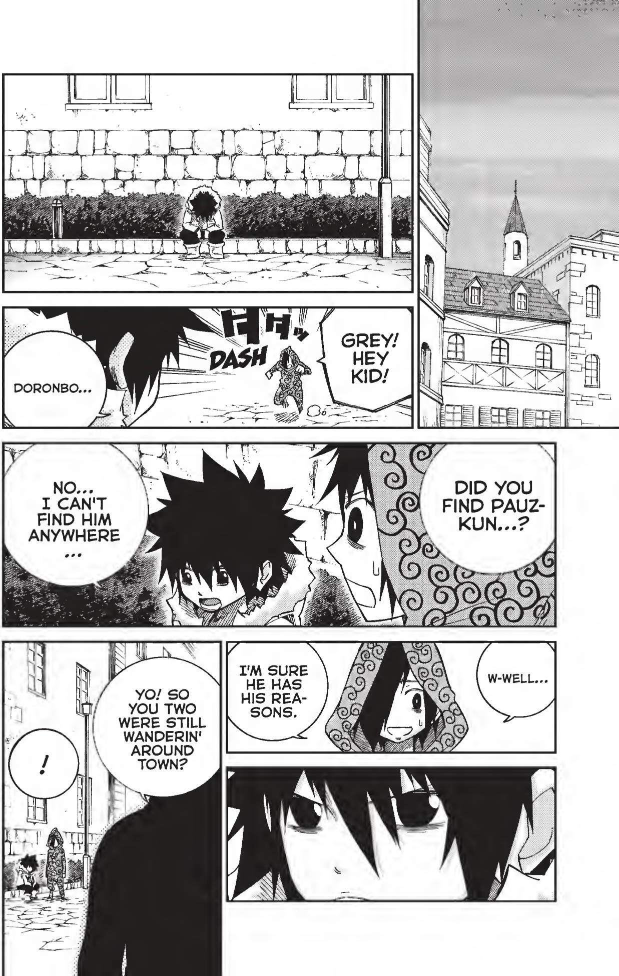

WHOOOOSH
HEH
?!
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
...!!
ZSH
ZSH
...!!
ZSH
ZSH
WAIT, PAUZ-KUN!!

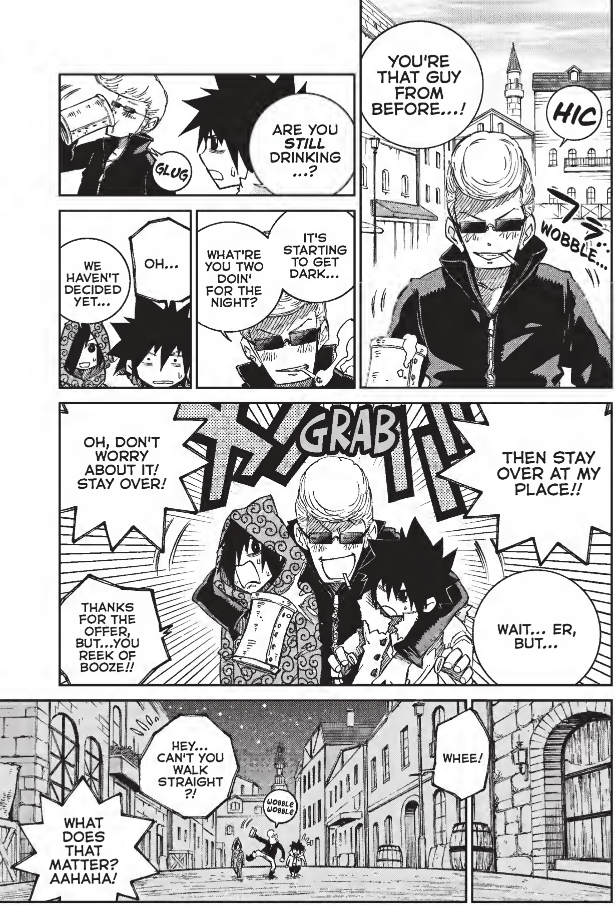

PAUZ-KUN...
トボ THUB
トボ THUB
HM?
WHAT IN THE WORLD ?!
TUSSLE
OWW !!
QUIT IT, YA STUPID KID!!
TUSSLE

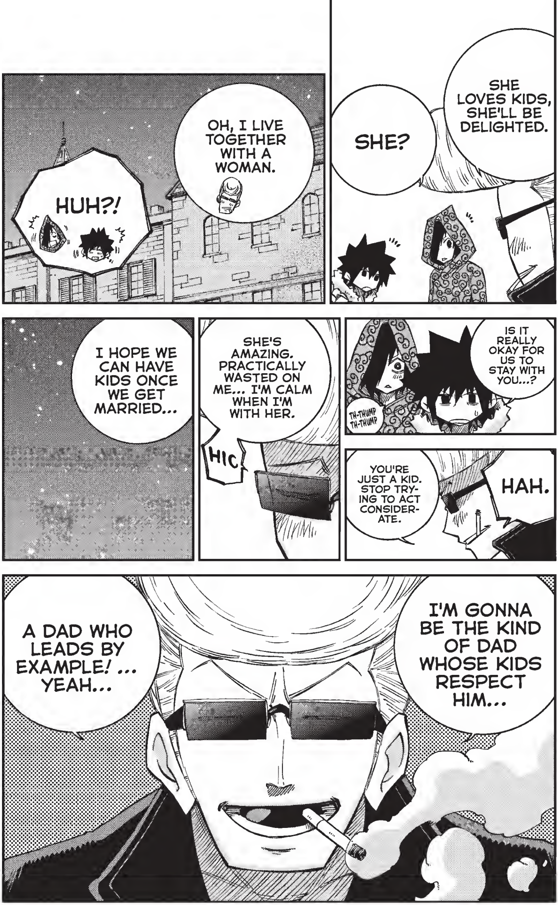

HEY… !!
WHAT HAPPENED?! KNOCK IT OFF…!!
IT'S NOTHING.
JUST THAT HE WON'T STOP BAD-MOUTHING FAIRY TAIL…
I WANT TO SEE THEM WITH MY OWN EYES.
I WANT TO KNOW IF IT'S REALLY LIKE WHAT GILDARTS SAID…!!
HMPH
HEH.

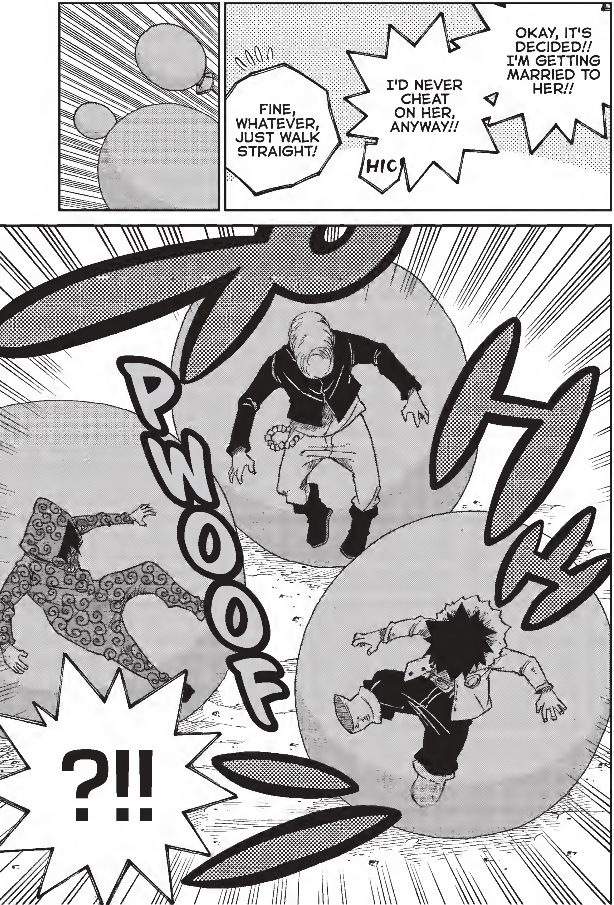

AHAHAHAHA!! OH, SO YOU WANT TO SEE FAIRY TAIL THAT BAD!! AHAHA!
?!
SORRY, THEN I APOLOGIZE.
PRETEND I DIDN'T SAY ANY OF THAT STUFF.
WHAT? I DON'T GET IT...
AND WHERE'S PAUZ? HE'S TAKING A WHILE.
!!
はっ
aH!
...PAUZ-KUN...
...MIGHT NOT BE COMING BACK...
?!
MIGHT NOT BE COMING BACK...? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
I DON'T KNOW...BUT HE WALKED OFF IN FRONT OF ME...

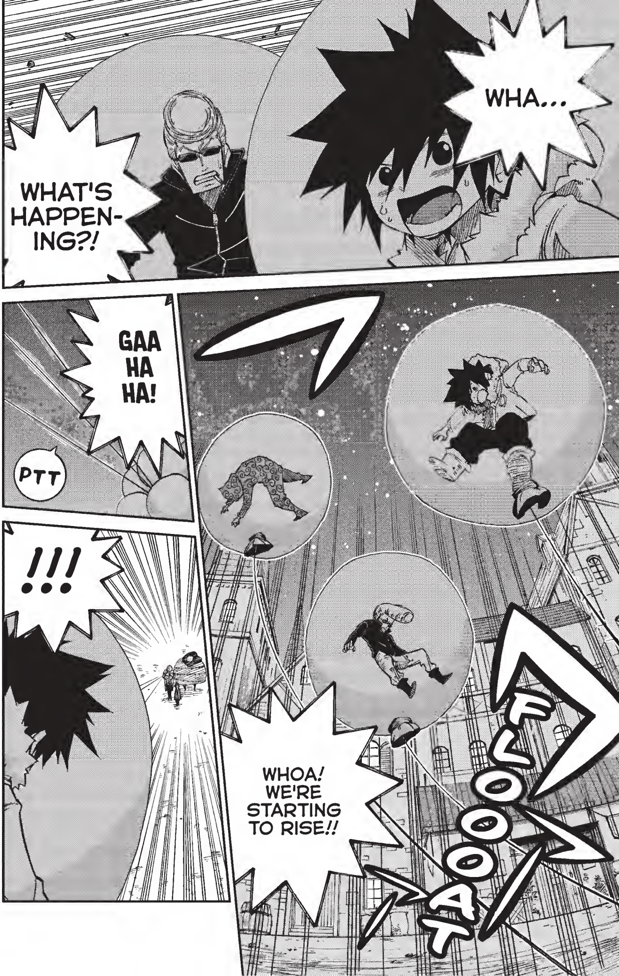

...?!!
PAUZ WALKED OFF...?
SORRY... I WASN'T ABLE TO STOP HIM, EITHER...
DASH
GRAY! KID!!
PANT
PANT
WHAT'S HE THINKING VANISHING LIKE THAT...? WITHOUT EVEN A GOODBYE?!
HEEY!
HEEY !!!
PAUZ !!

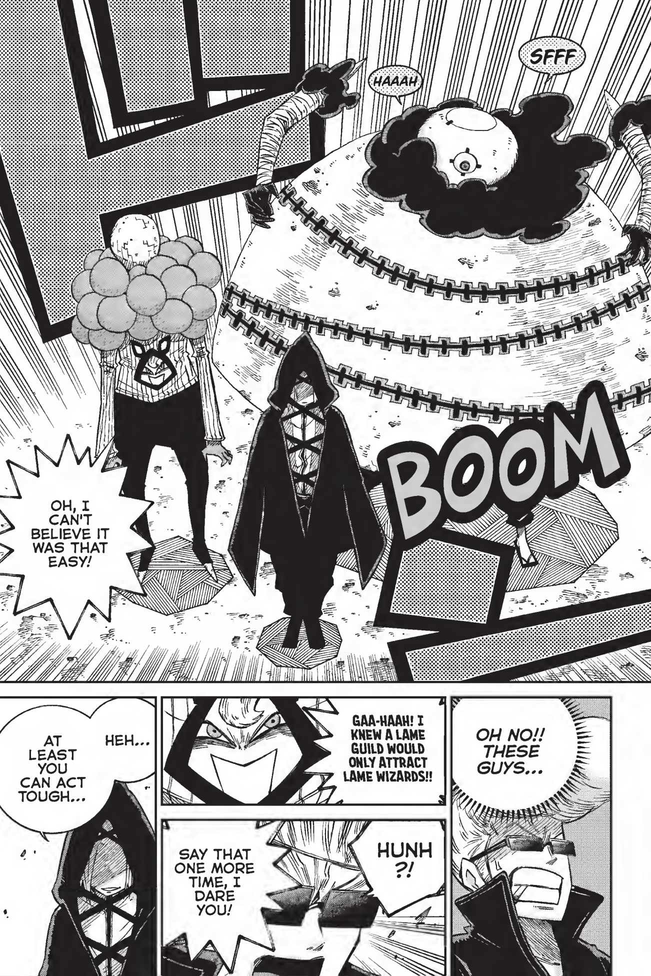

GREY! HEY KID!
DASH
DORONBO...
DID YOU FIND PAUZ-KUN...?
NO... I CAN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE ...
W-WELL...
I'M SURE HE HAS HIS REASONS.
YO! SO YOU TWO WERE STILL WANDERIN' AROUND TOWN?
!

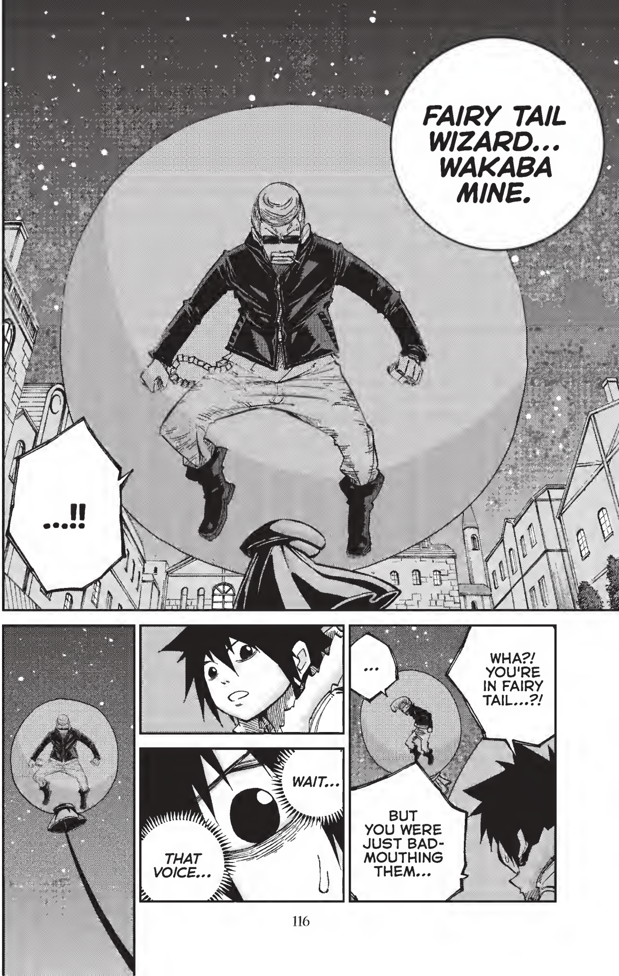

YOU'RE THAT GUY FROM BEFORE...!
HIC
WOBBLE...
ARE YOU *STILL* DRINKING...?
GLUG
IT'S STARTING TO GET DARK...
WHAT'RE YOU TWO DOIN' FOR THE NIGHT?
OH...
WE HAVEN'T DECIDED YET...
GRAB
THEN STAY OVER AT MY PLACE!!
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! STAY OVER!
WAIT... ER, BUT...
THANKS FOR THE OFFER, BUT...YOU REEK OF BOOZE!!
WHEE!
HEY... CAN'T YOU WALK STRAIGHT?!
WOBBLE WOBBLE
WHAT DOES THAT MATTER? AAHAHA!

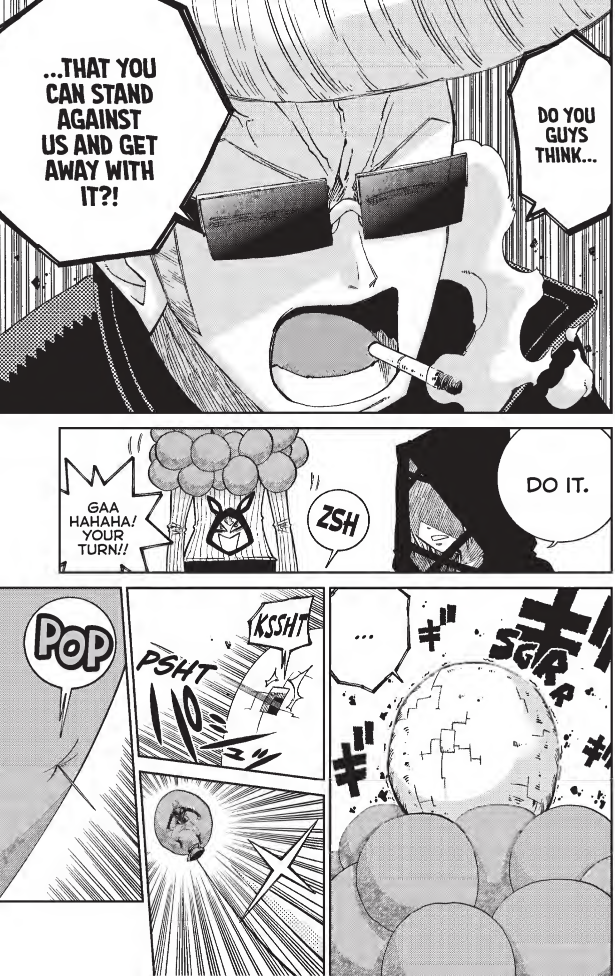

SHE LOVES KIDS, SHE'LL BE DELIGHTED.
SHE?
OH, I LIVE TOGETHER WITH A WOMAN.
HUH?!
IS IT REALLY OKAY FOR US TO STAY WITH YOU...?
TH-THUMP TH-THUMP
HAH.
YOU'RE JUST A KID. STOP TRYING TO ACT CONSIDERATE.
SHE'S AMAZING. PRACTICALLY WASTED ON ME... I'M CALM WHEN I'M WITH HER.
HIC
I HOPE WE CAN HAVE KIDS ONCE WE GET MARRIED...
I'M GONNA BE THE KIND OF DAD WHOSE KIDS RESPECT HIM...
A DAD WHO LEADS BY EXAMPLE! ... YEAH...


OKAY, IT'S DECIDED!! I'M GETTING MARRIED TO HER!!
I'D NEVER CHEAT ON HER, ANYWAY!!
HIC
FINE, WHATEVER, JUST WALK STRAIGHT!
PWOOF
?!!


WHA...
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
GAA HA HA!
PTT
!!!
WHOA! WE'RE STARTING TO RISE!!
FLOOOAT


HAAAH
SFFF
BOOM
OH, I CAN'T BELIEVE IT WAS THAT EASY!
GAA-HAAH! I KNEW A LAME GUILD WOULD ONLY ATTRACT LAME WIZARDS!!
HEH...
AT LEAST YOU CAN ACT TOUGH...
HUNH ?!
SAY THAT ONE MORE TIME, I DARE YOU!
OH NO!! THESE GUYS...


FAIRY TAIL WIZARD... WAKABA MINE.
...!!
WHA?! YOU'RE IN FAIRY TAIL...?!
...
BUT YOU WERE JUST BAD-MOUTHING THEM...
WAIT...
THAT VOICE...


DO YOU GUYS THINK...
...THAT YOU CAN STAND AGAINST US AND GET AWAY WITH IT?!
DO IT.
ZSH
GAA HAHAHA! YOUR TURN!!
...
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SGRA
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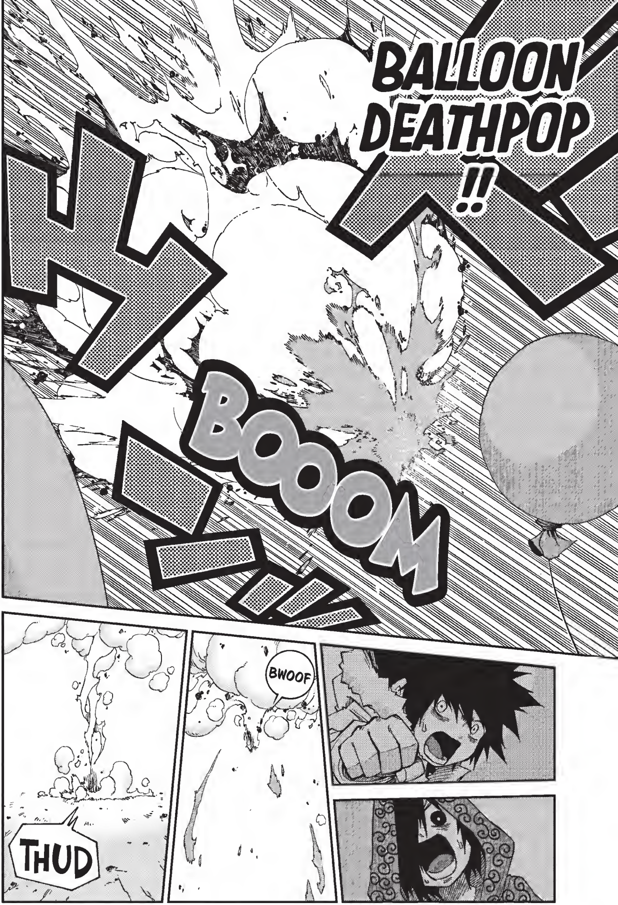
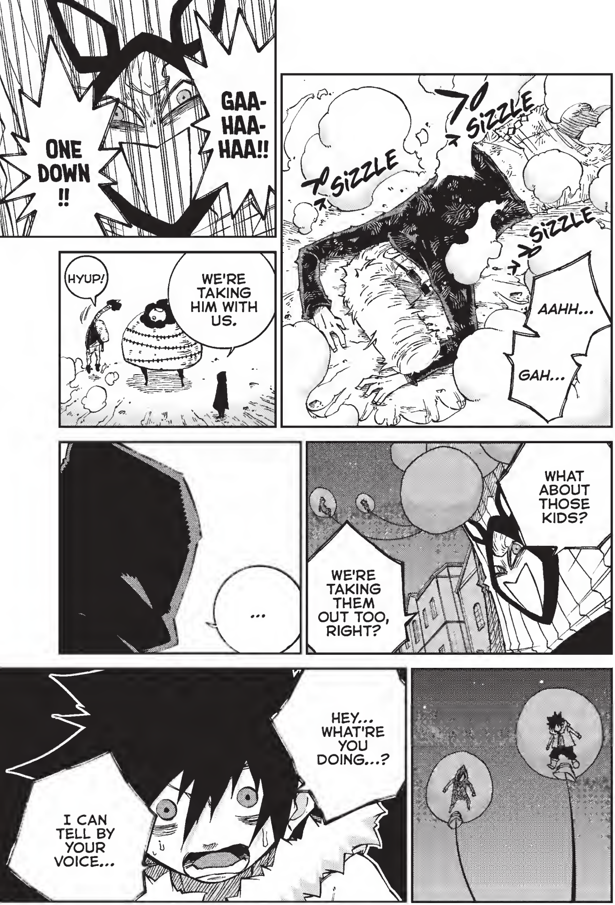
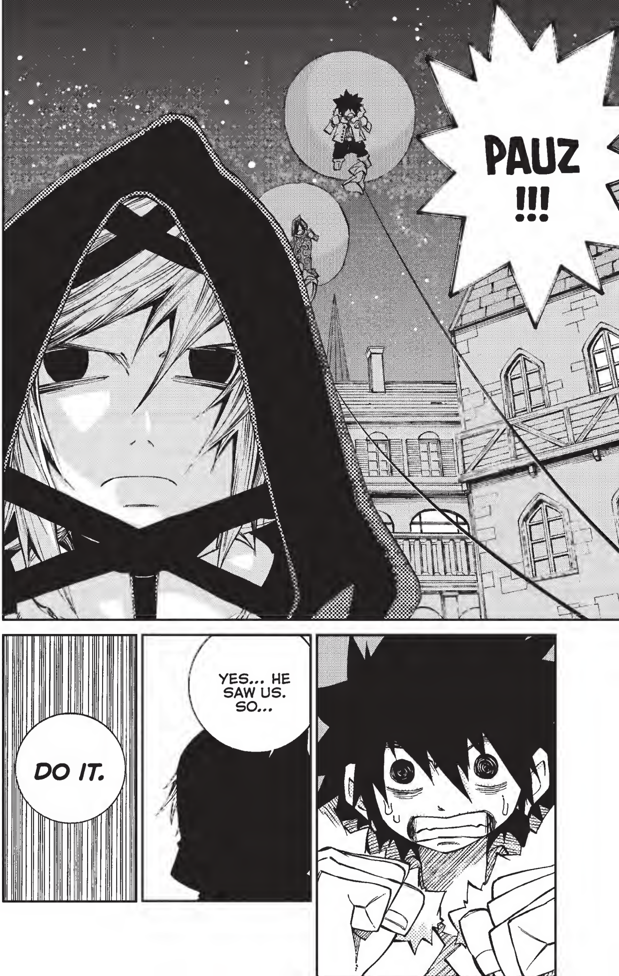
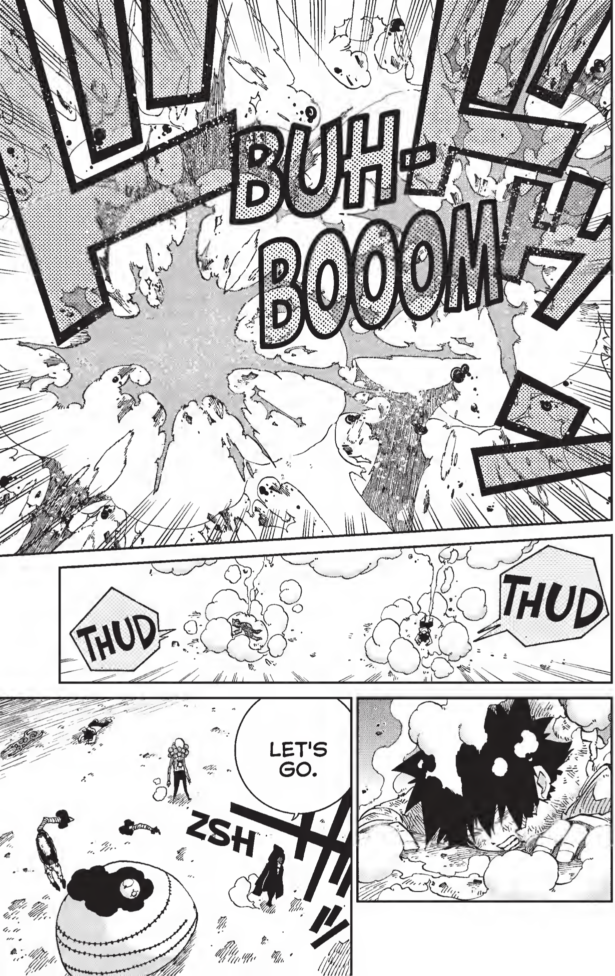
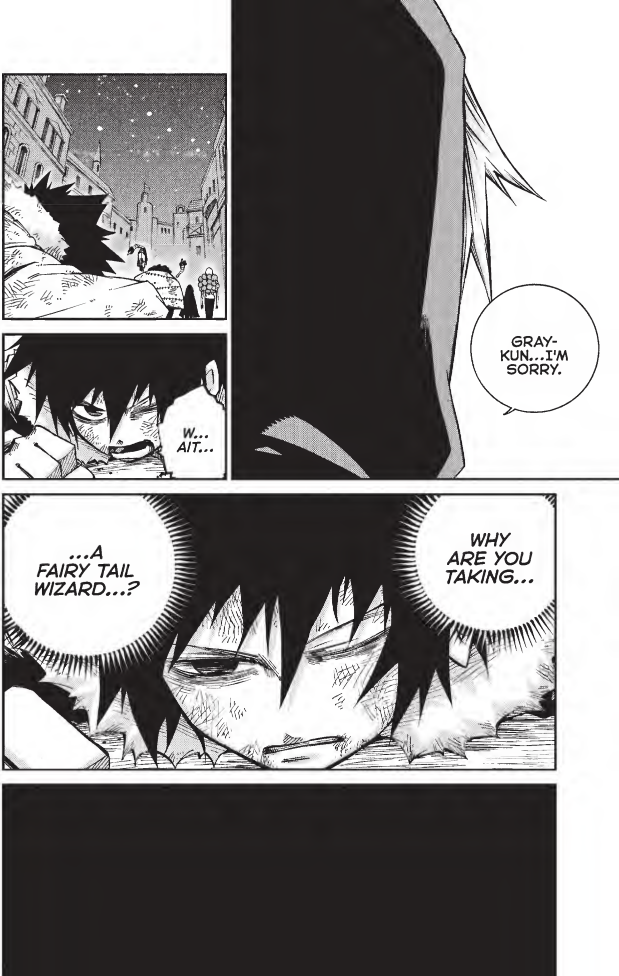
KSSHT
PSHT
POP


BALLOON DEATHPOP!!
BOOOM
BWOOF
THUD


GAA-HAA-HAA!!
ONE DOWN!!
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
AAHH...
GAH...
WE'RE TAKING HIM WITH US.
HYUP!
WHAT ABOUT THOSE KIDS?
WE'RE TAKING THEM OUT TOO, RIGHT?
...
HEY... WHAT'RE YOU DOING...?
I CAN TELL BY YOUR VOICE...

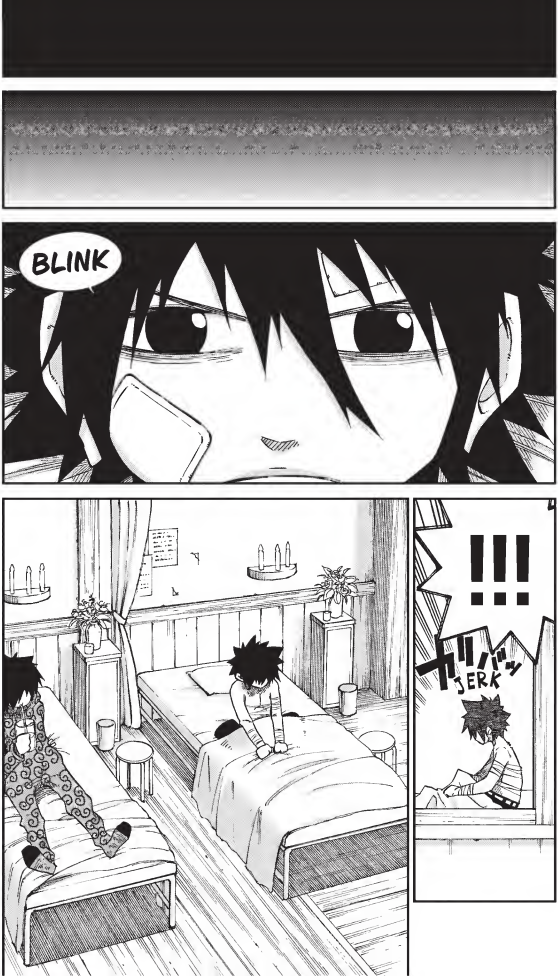

PAUZ !!!
YES... HE SAW US. SO...
DO IT.

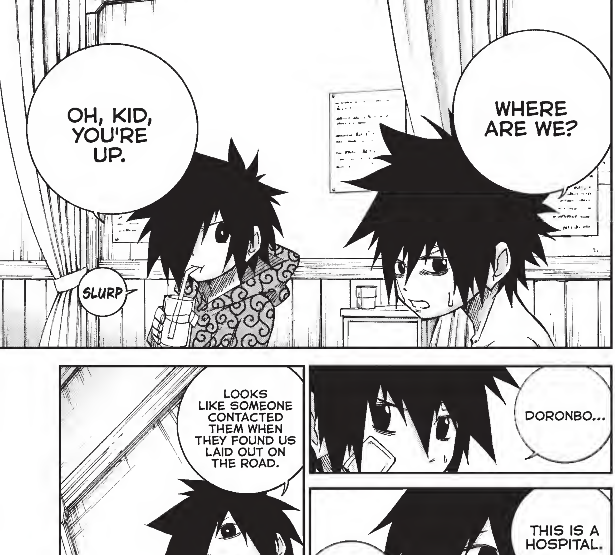

BUH-BOOOM
THUD
THUD
LET'S GO.
ZSH

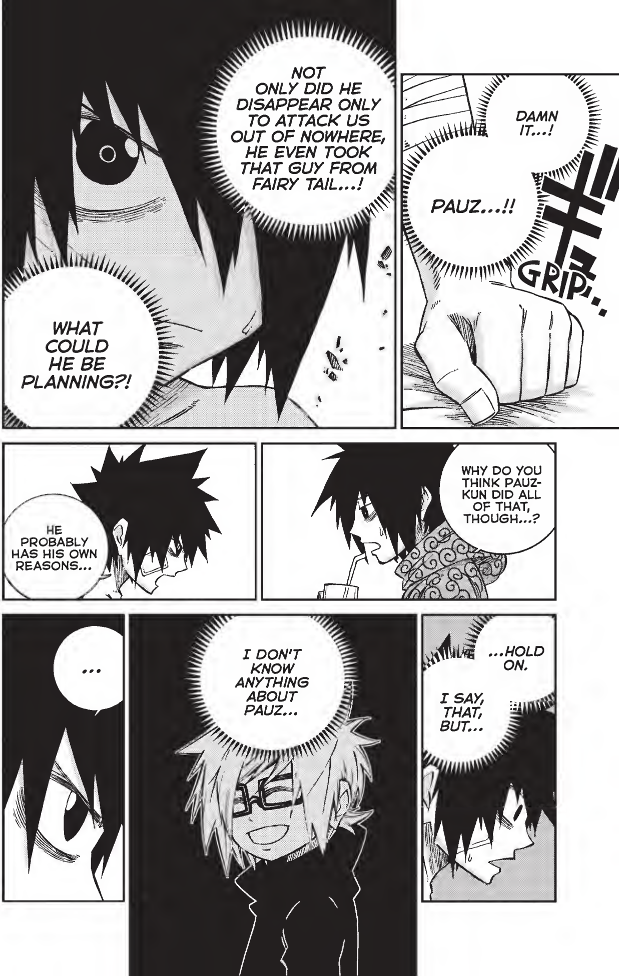

GRAY-KUN...I'M SORRY.
W... AIT...
WHY ARE YOU TAKING...
...A FAIRY TAIL WIZARD...?

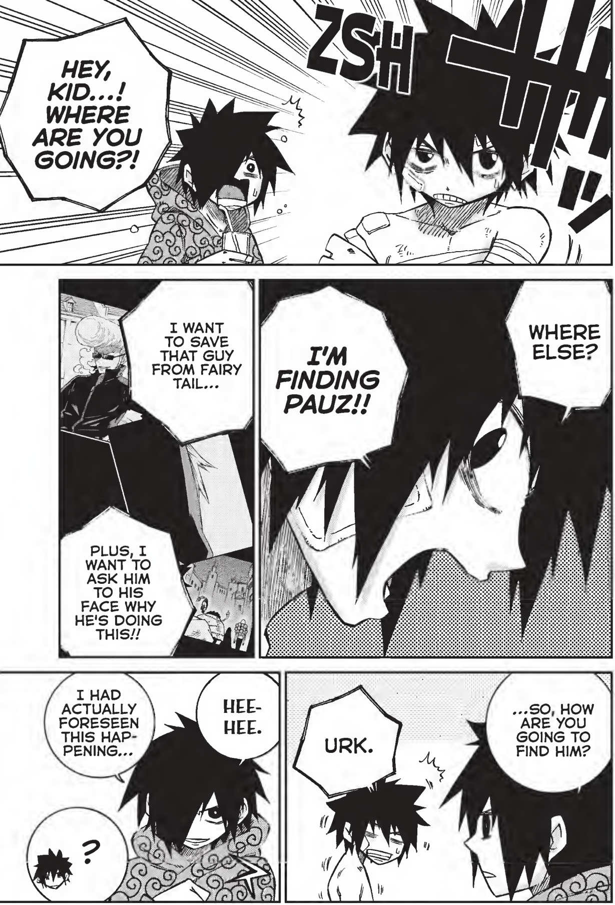
Chapter 12: True Identity

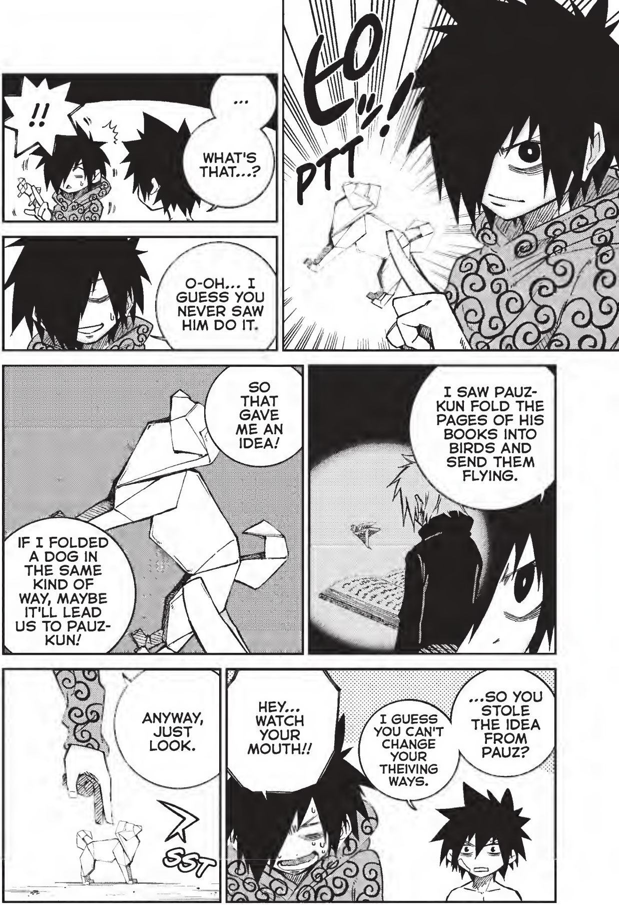
FAIRY TAIL: ICE TRAIL

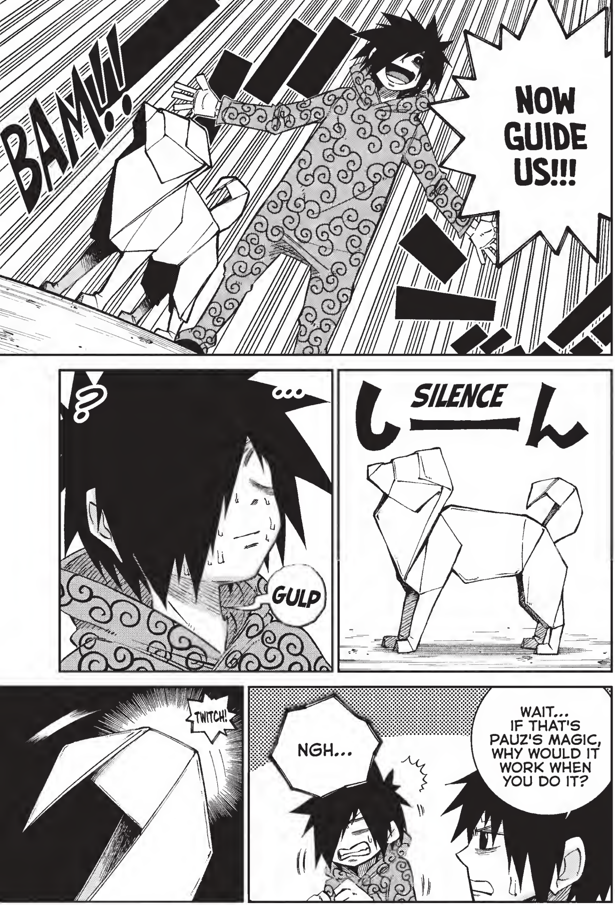

BLINK
!!!
ガバッ
JERK


WHERE ARE WE?
OH, KID, YOU'RE UP.
SLURP
DORONBO...
THIS IS A HOSPITAL.
A HOS-PITAL?
LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE CONTACTED THEM WHEN THEY FOUND US LAID OUT ON THE ROAD.
OH! THAT'S RIGHT...
THOSE WEIRDOES GOT US...
THROB
OW...
HOW LONG WAS I ASLEEP FOR?!
IT'S ALMOST EVENING, SO... ABOUT A FULL DAY?
...!!


DAMN IT...!
PAUZ...!!
GRIP...
NOT ONLY DID HE DISAPPEAR ONLY TO ATTACK US OUT OF NOWHERE, HE EVEN TOOK THAT GUY FROM FAIRY TAIL...!
WHAT COULD HE BE PLANNING?!
WHY DO YOU THINK PAUZ-KUN DID ALL OF THAT, THOUGH...?
HE PROBABLY HAS HIS OWN REASONS...
...HOLD ON.
I SAY, THAT, BUT...
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT PAUZ...
...


ZSH
HEY, KID...! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
WHERE ELSE?
I'M FINDING PAUZ!!
I WANT TO SAVE THAT GUY FROM FAIRY TAIL...
PLUS, I WANT TO ASK HIM TO HIS FACE WHY HE'S DOING THIS!!
...SO, HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIND HIM?
URK.
HEE-HEE.
I HAD ACTUALLY FORESEEN THIS HAPPENING...
?


ピロッ!
PTT
!!
...
WHAT'S THAT...?
O-OH... I GUESS YOU NEVER SAW HIM DO IT.
I SAW PAUZ-KUN FOLD THE PAGES OF HIS BOOKS INTO BIRDS AND SEND THEM FLYING.
SO THAT GAVE ME AN IDEA!
IF I FOLDED A DOG IN THE SAME KIND OF WAY, MAYBE IT'LL LEAD US TO PAUZ-KUN!
...SO YOU STOLE THE IDEA FROM PAUZ?
I GUESS YOU CAN'T CHANGE YOUR THEIVING WAYS.
HEY... WATCH YOUR MOUTH!!
ANYWAY, JUST LOOK.
SST


NOW GUIDE US!!!
BAM!!!
SILENCE
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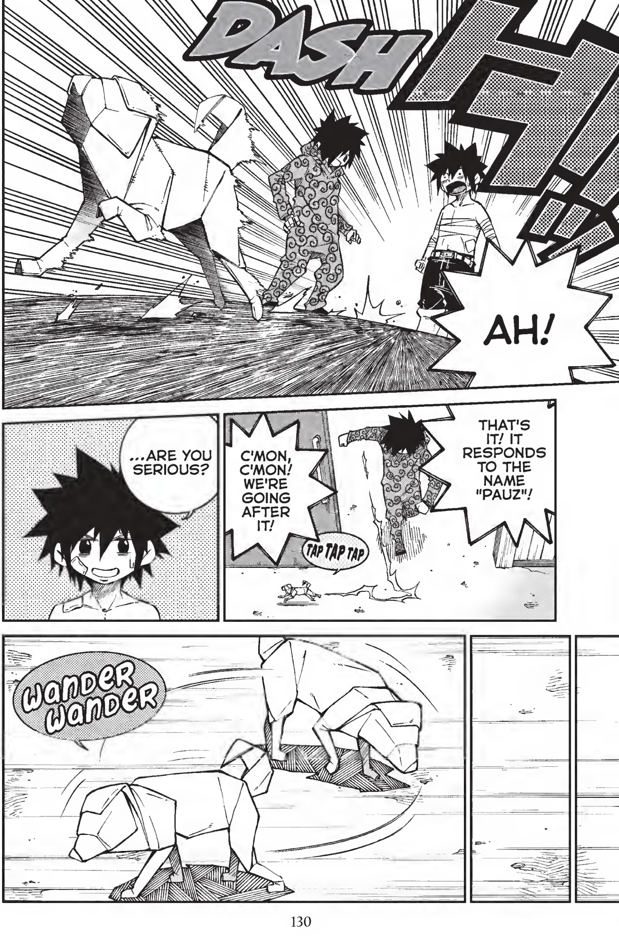
...
?
GULP
WAIT... IF THAT'S PAUZ'S MAGIC, WHY WOULD IT WORK WHEN YOU DO IT?
NGH...
TWITCH!


DASH
AH!
THAT'S IT! IT RESPONDS TO THE NAME "PAUZ"!
C'MON, C'MON! WE'RE GOING AFTER IT!
TAP TAP TAP
...ARE YOU SERIOUS?
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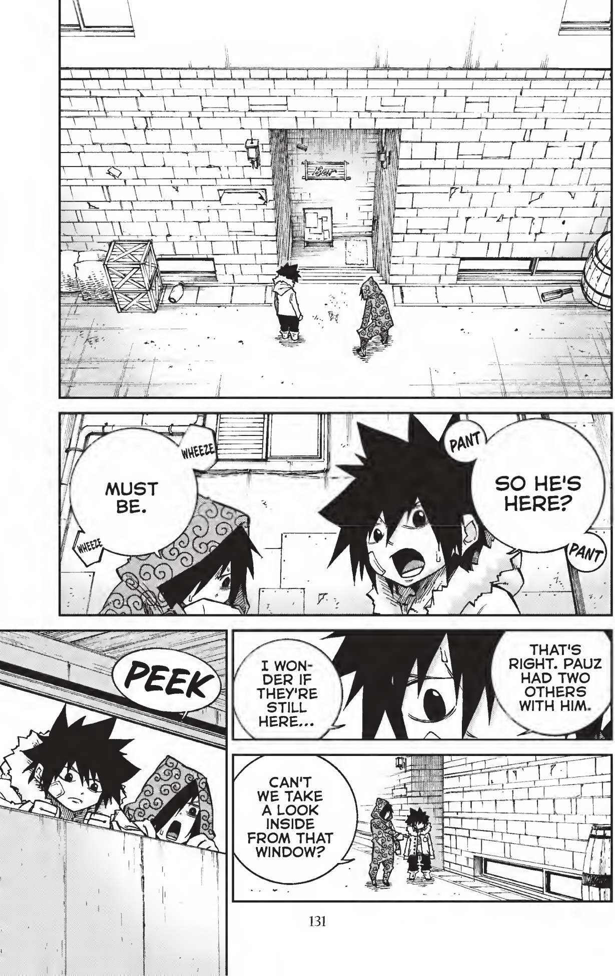
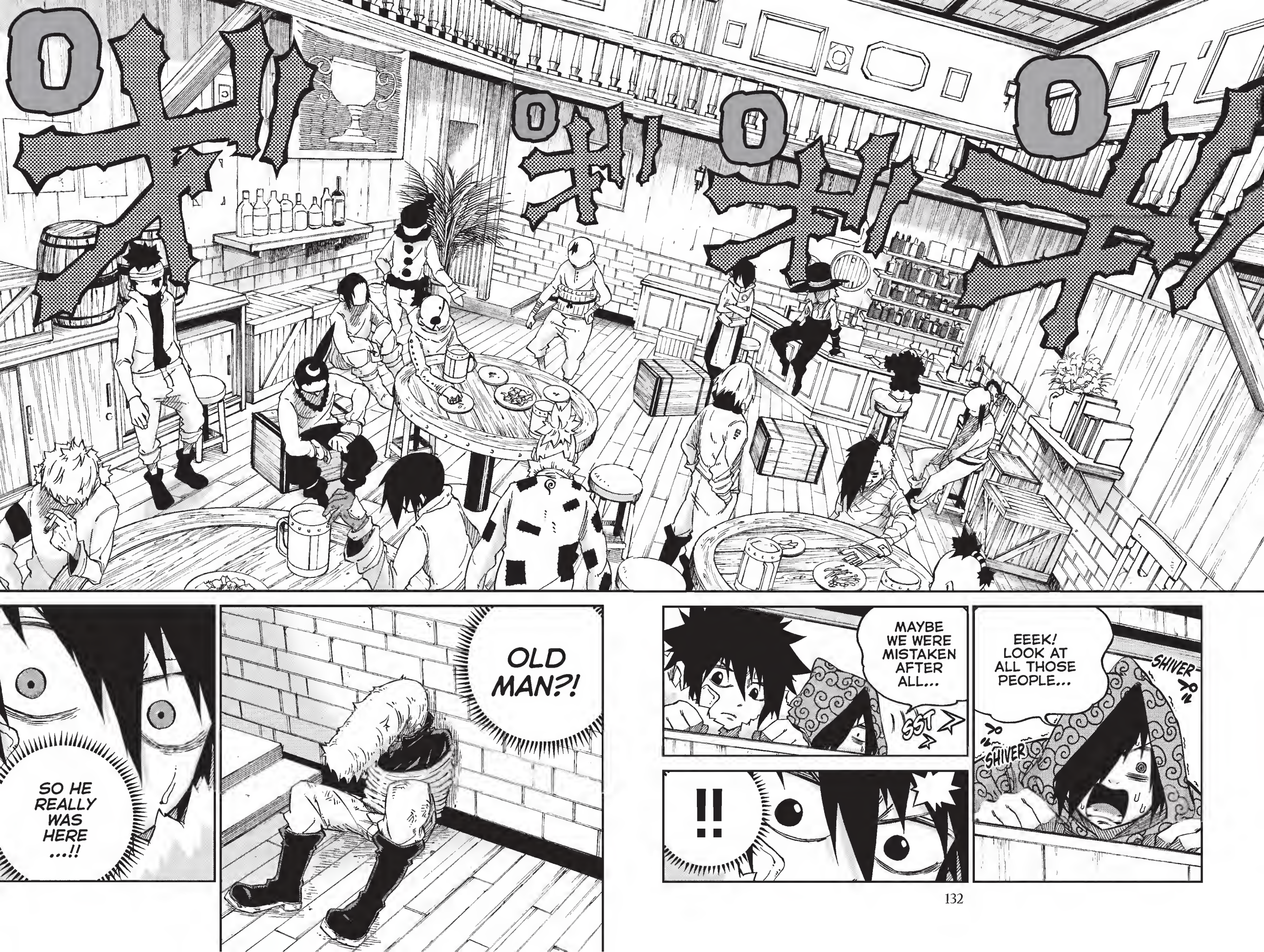

Bar
PANT
SO HE'S HERE?
PANT
WHEEZE
MUST BE.
WHEEZE
THAT'S RIGHT. PAUZ HAD TWO OTHERS WITH HIM.
I WONDER IF THEY'RE STILL HERE...
CAN'T WE TAKE A LOOK INSIDE FROM THAT WINDOW?
PEEK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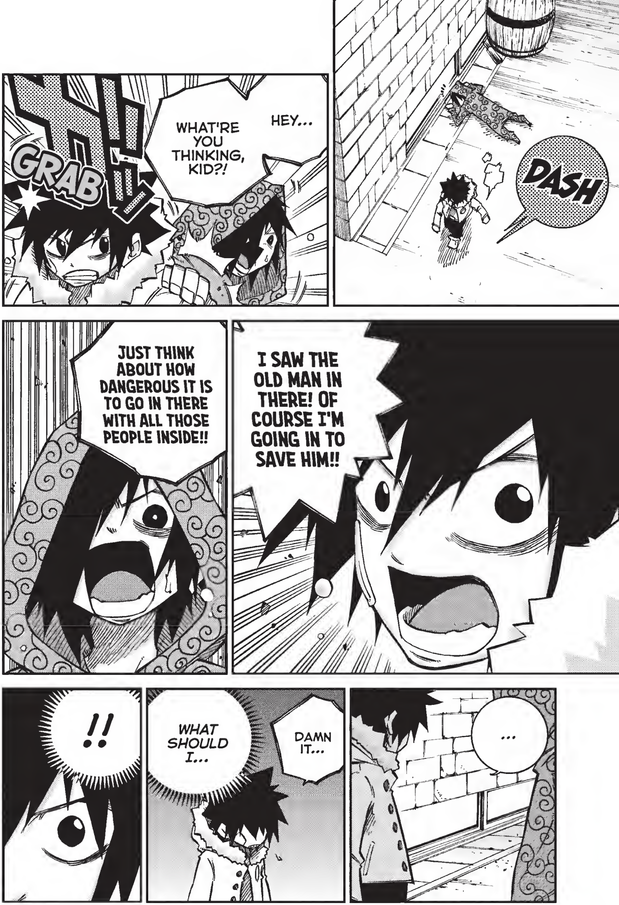
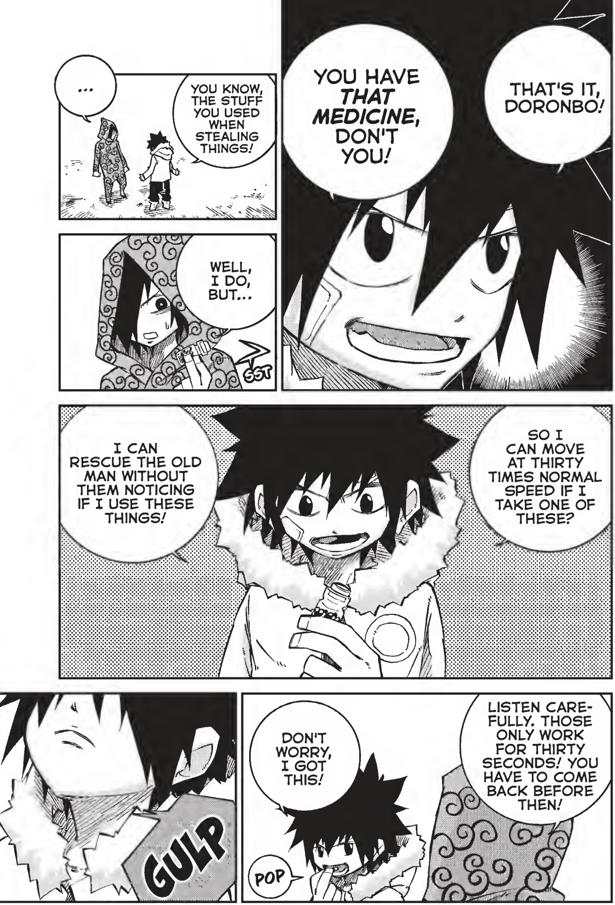
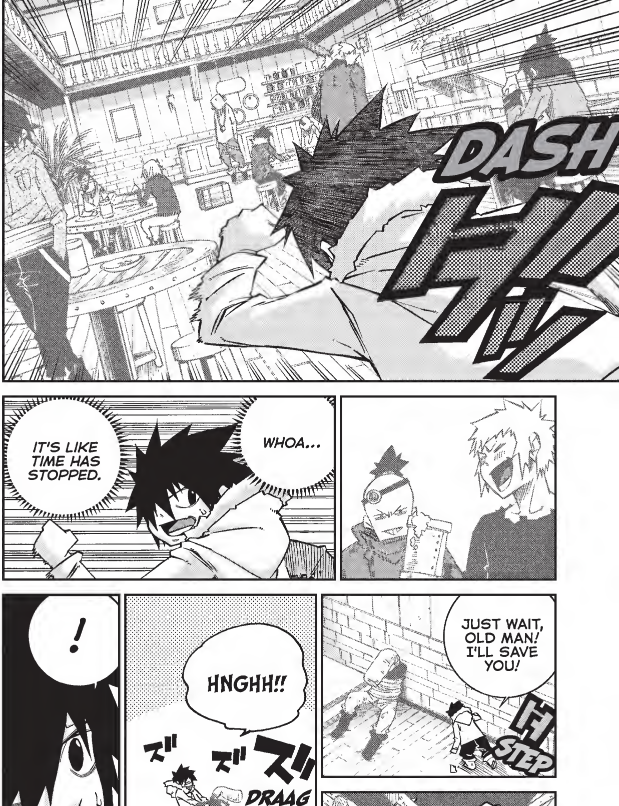
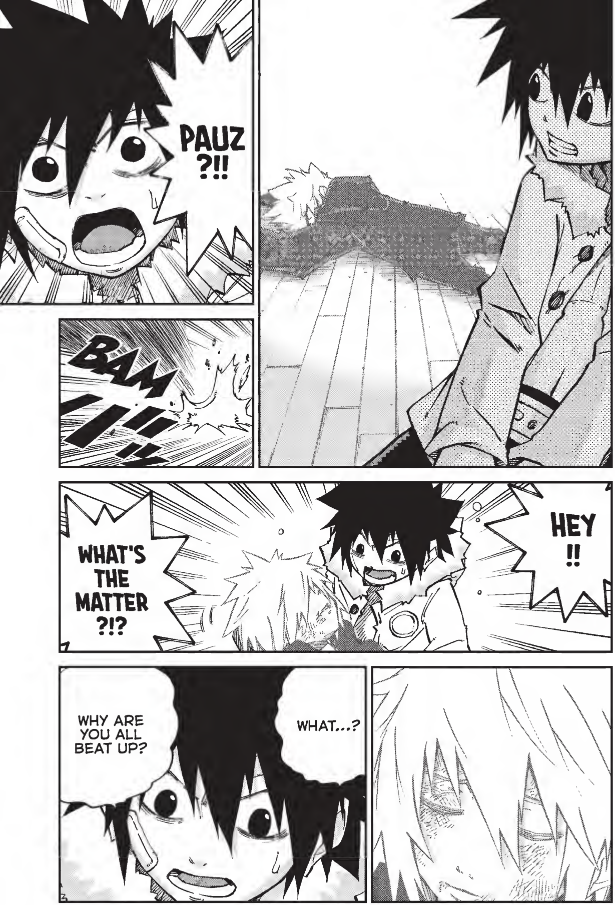
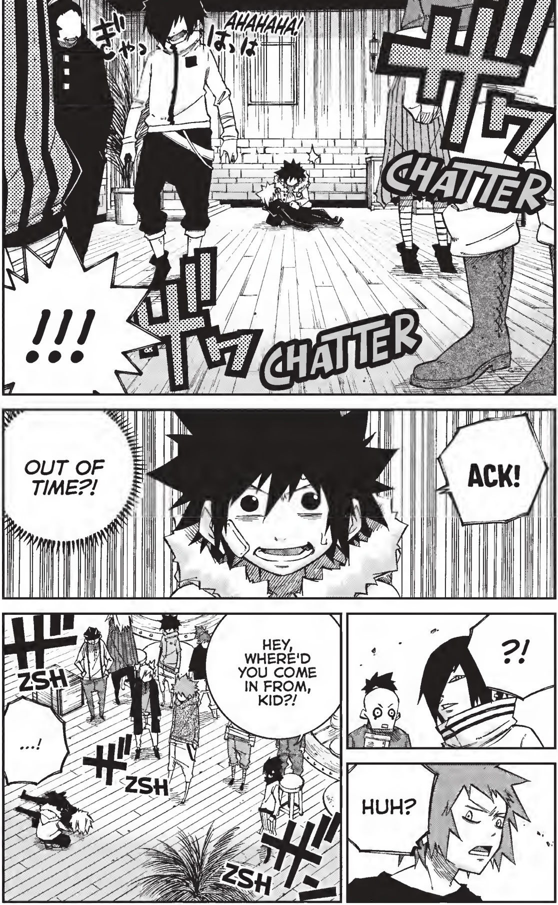
O
EEEK! LOOK AT ALL THOSE PEOPLE...
SHIVER
SHIVER
MAYBE WE WERE MISTAKEN AFTER ALL...
SST
!!
OLD MAN?!
SO HE REALLY WAS HERE ...!!


DASH
HEY...
WHAT'RE YOU THINKING, KID?!
GRAB
I SAW THE OLD MAN IN THERE! OF COURSE I'M GOING IN TO SAVE HIM!!
JUST THINK ABOUT HOW DANGEROUS IT IS TO GO IN THERE WITH ALL THOSE PEOPLE INSIDE!!
...
DAMN IT...
WHAT SHOULD I...
!!


THAT'S IT, DORONBO!
YOU HAVE *THAT MEDICINE*, DON'T YOU!
YOU KNOW, THE STUFF YOU USED WHEN STEALING THINGS!
...
WELL, I DO, BUT...
SST
SO I CAN MOVE AT THIRTY TIMES NORMAL SPEED IF I TAKE ONE OF THESE?
I CAN RESCUE THE OLD MAN WITHOUT THEM NOTICING IF I USE THESE THINGS!
LISTEN CAREFULLY. THOSE ONLY WORK FOR THIRTY SECONDS! YOU HAVE TO COME BACK BEFORE THEN!
DON'T WORRY, I GOT THIS!
POP
GULP


DASH
WHOA...
IT'S LIKE TIME HAS STOPPED.
JUST WAIT, OLD MAN! I'LL SAVE YOU!
STEP
SNAP
HNGHH!!
ズ ズ ズ
DRAAG
!


PAUZ ?!!
BAM !!!
HEY !!
WHAT'S THE MATTER ?!?
WHAT...?
WHY ARE YOU ALL BEAT UP?



ギャッ
CHATTER
AHAHAHA!
はっは
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ギャッ
CHATTER
!!!
ACK!
OUT OF TIME?!
?!
HUH?
HEY, WHERE'D YOU COME IN FROM, KID?!
...!
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ZSH
ザッ
ZSH
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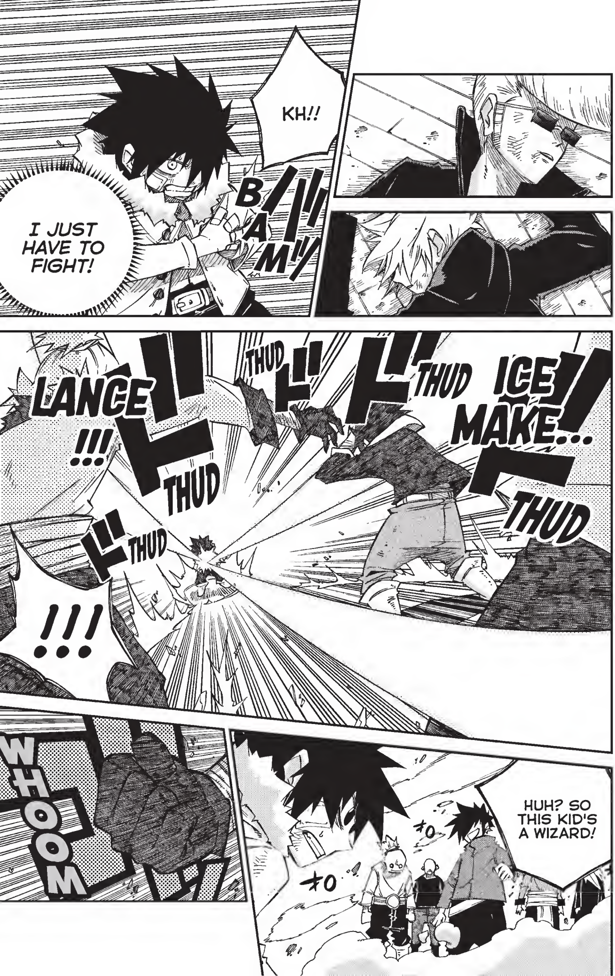
ZSH


KH!!
BAM!!
I JUST HAVE TO FIGHT!
ICE MAKE...!
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THUD
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THUD
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LANCE!!!
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HUH? SO THIS KID'S A WIZARD!
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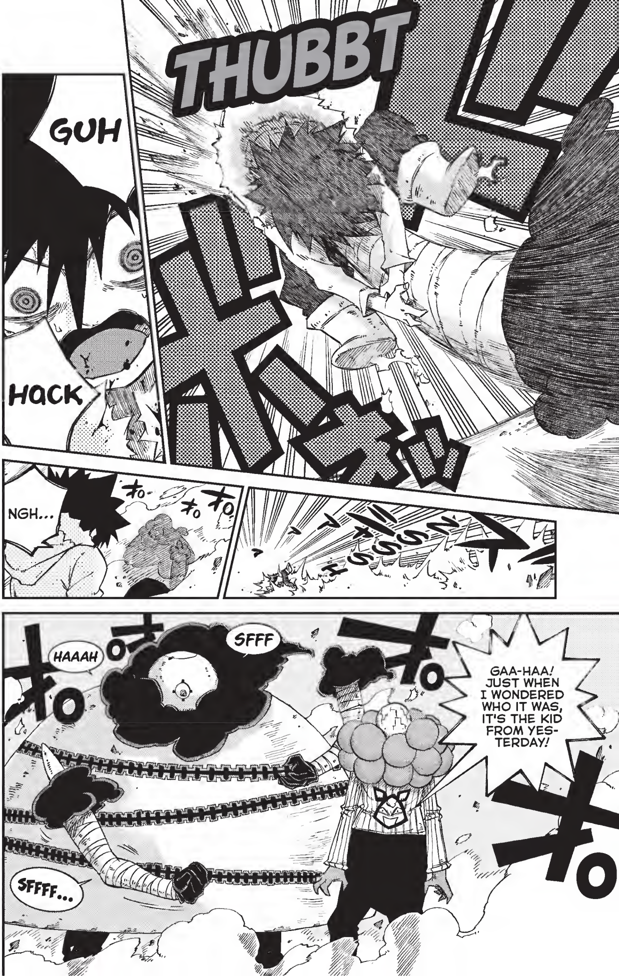
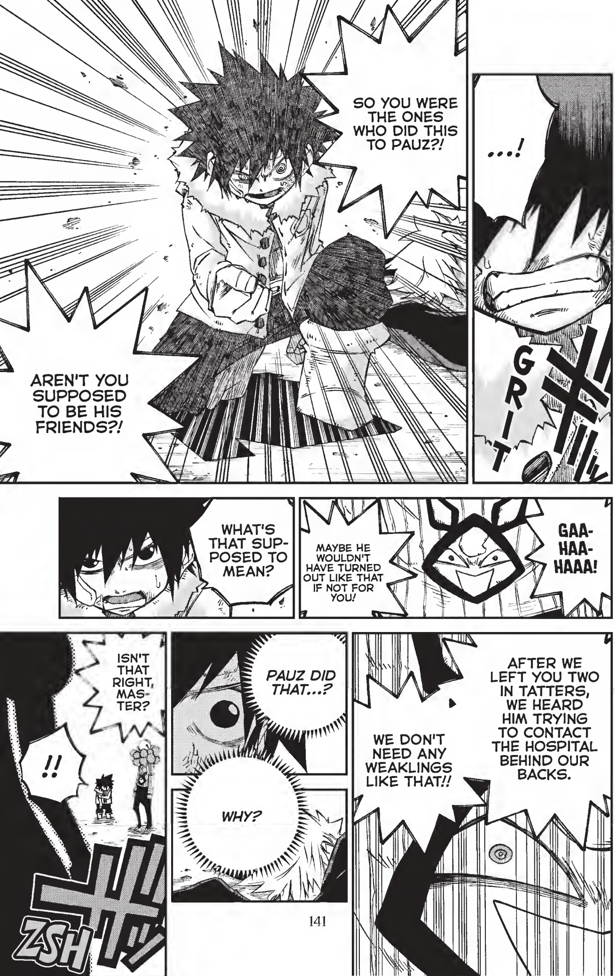
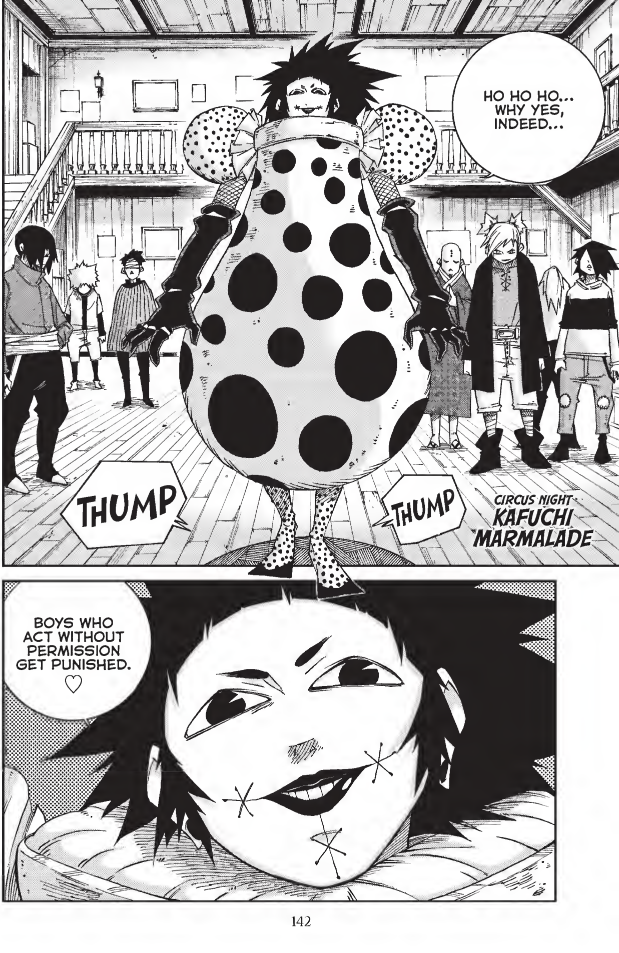
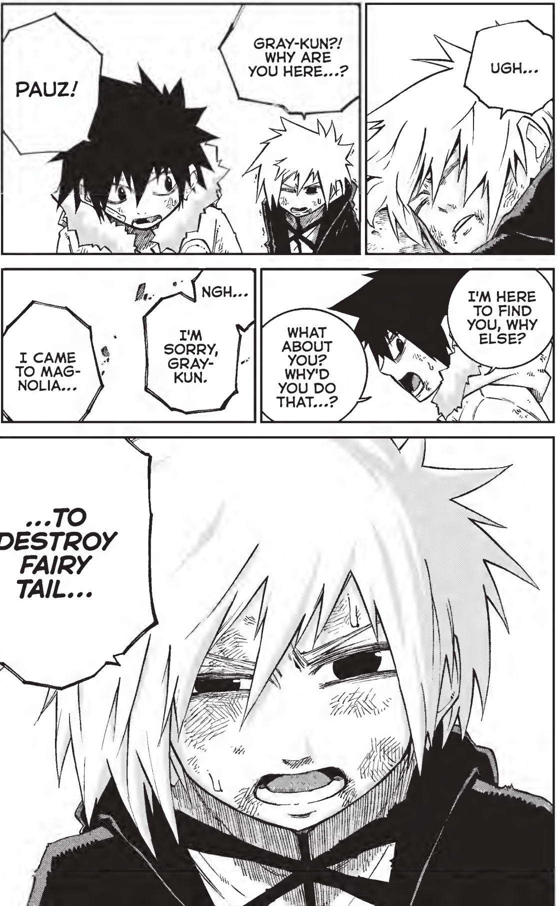
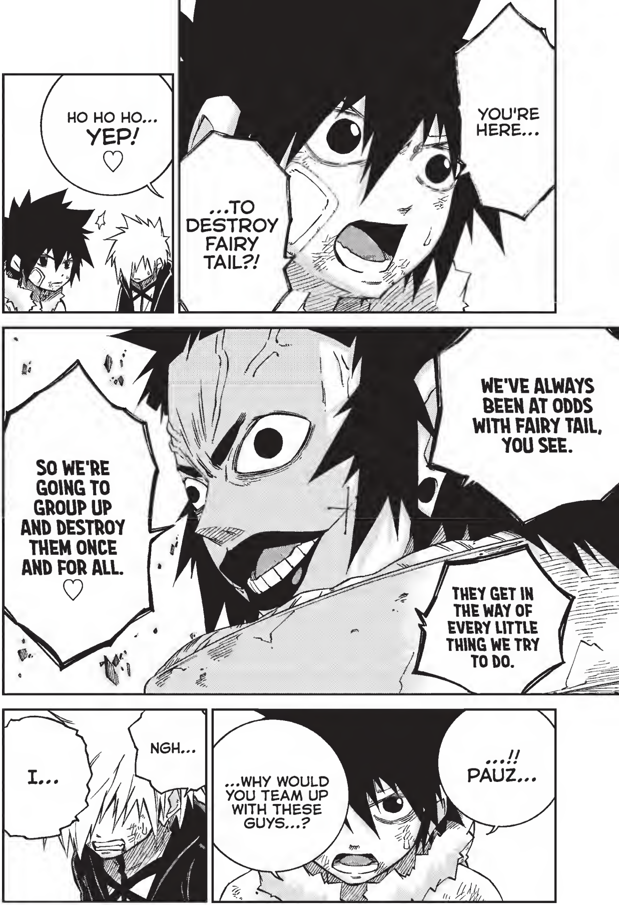
オロ
WHOOM

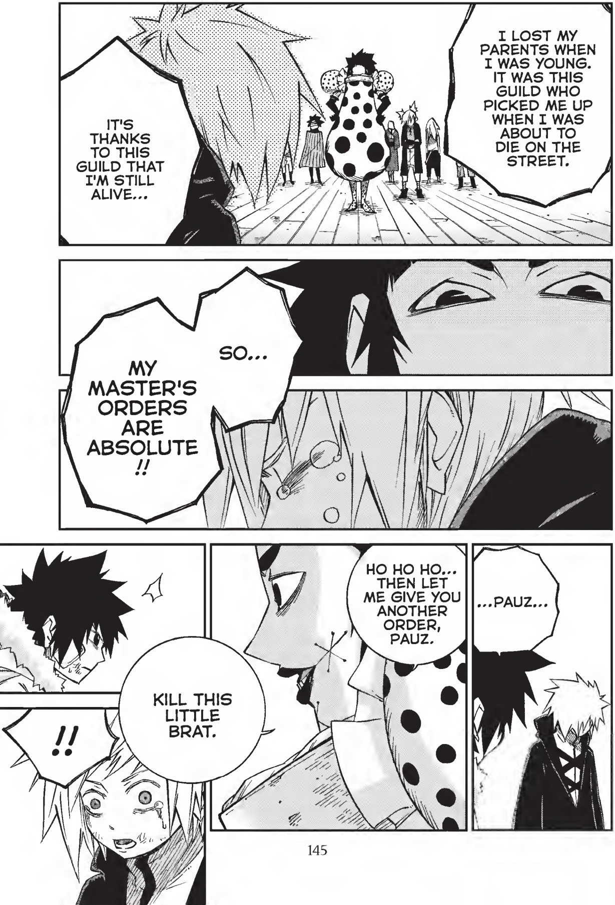

THUBBT
GUH
HACK
HSSSZ
NGH...
GAA-HAA! JUST WHEN I WONDERED WHO IT WAS, IT'S THE KID FROM YESTERDAY!
SFFF
HAAAH
SFFFF...

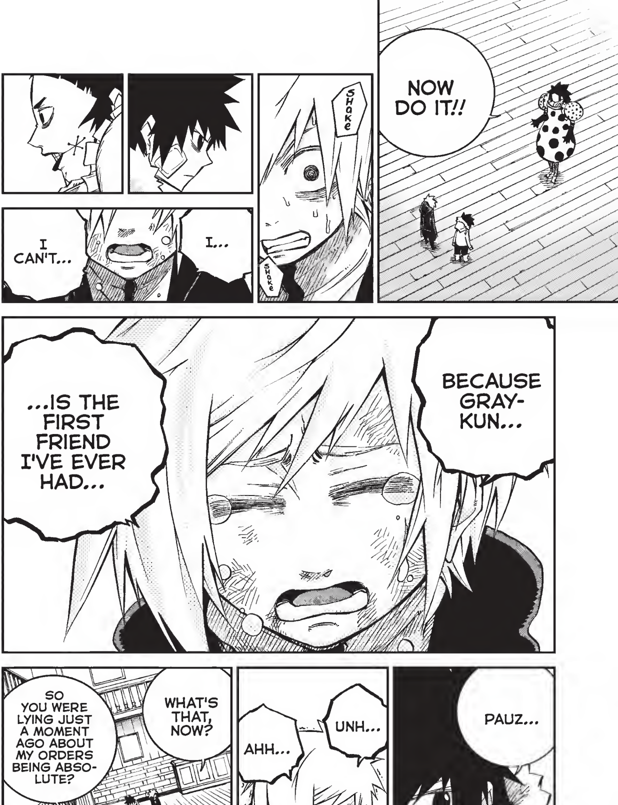

SO YOU WERE THE ONES WHO DID THIS TO PAUZ?!
AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE HIS FRIENDS?!
...!
GRIT
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
GAA-HAA-HAAA!
MAYBE HE WOULDN'T HAVE TURNED OUT LIKE THAT IF NOT FOR YOU!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MASTER?
!!
ZSH
PAUZ DID THAT...?
WHY?
AFTER WE LEFT YOU TWO IN TATTERS, WE HEARD HIM TRYING TO CONTACT THE HOSPITAL BEHIND OUR BACKS.
WE DON'T NEED ANY WEAKLINGS LIKE THAT!!

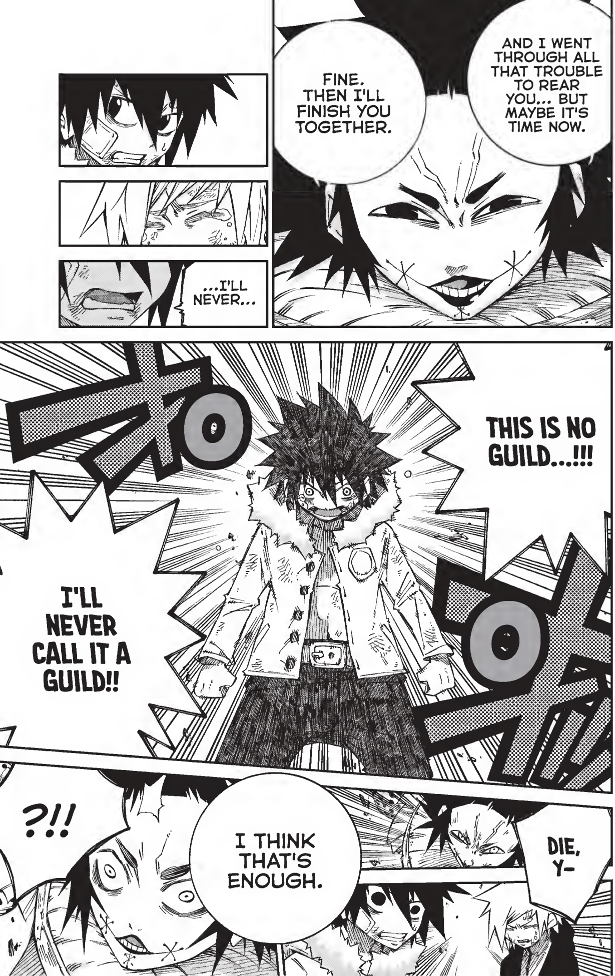

HO HO HO... WHY YES, INDEED...
THUMP
THUMP
CIRCUS NIGHT
KAFUCHI MARMALADE
BOYS WHO ACT WITHOUT PERMISSION GET PUNISHED. ♡

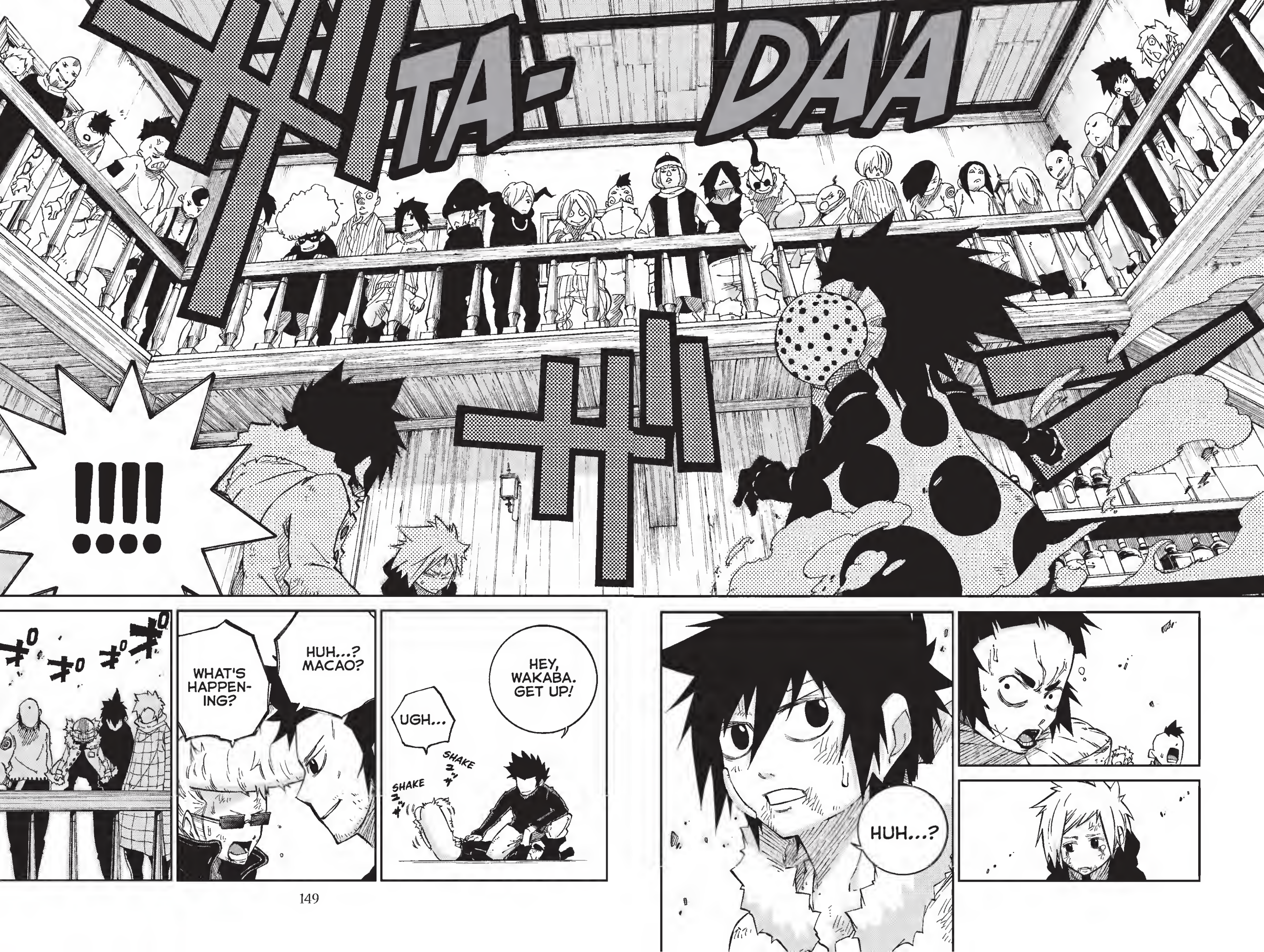

UGH...
GRAY-KUN?! WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
PAUZ!
I'M HERE TO FIND YOU, WHY ELSE?
WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHY'D YOU DO THAT...?
NGH...
I'M SORRY, GRAY-KUN.
I CAME TO MAGNOLIA...
...TO DESTROY FAIRY TAIL...

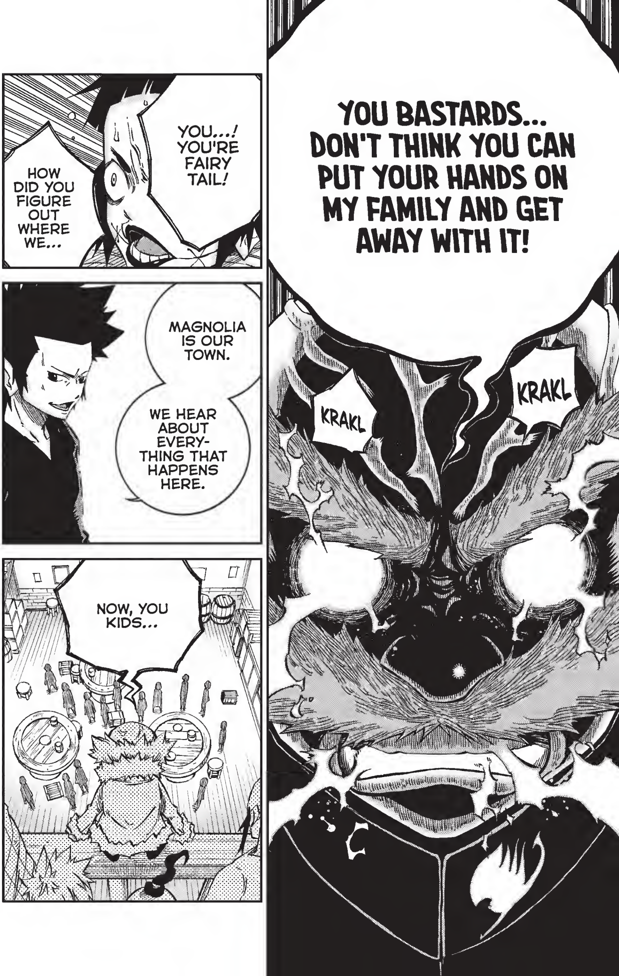

YOU'RE HERE...
...TO DESTROY FAIRY TAIL?!
HO HO HO... YEP! ♡
WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN AT ODDS WITH FAIRY TAIL, YOU SEE.
THEY GET IN THE WAY OF EVERY LITTLE THING WE TRY TO DO.
SO WE'RE GOING TO GROUP UP AND DESTROY THEM ONCE AND FOR ALL. ♡
...!! PAUZ...
...WHY WOULD YOU TEAM UP WITH THESE GUYS...?
NGH...
I...

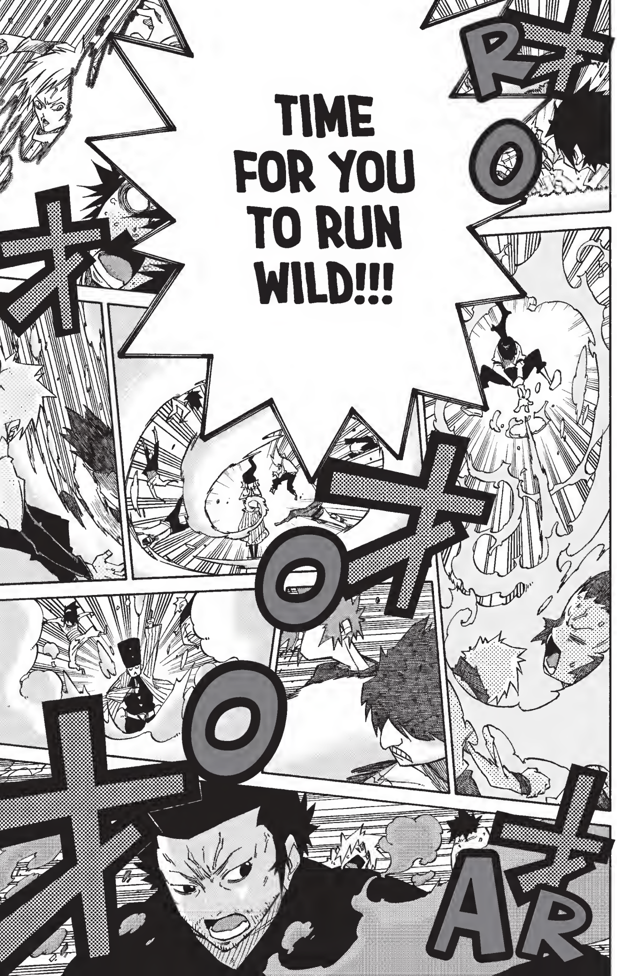

I LOST MY PARENTS WHEN I WAS YOUNG. IT WAS THIS GUILD WHO PICKED ME UP WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO DIE ON THE STREET.
IT'S THANKS TO THIS GUILD THAT I'M STILL ALIVE...
SO...
MY MASTER'S ORDERS ARE ABSOLUTE !!
...PAUZ...
HO HO HO... THEN LET ME GIVE YOU ANOTHER ORDER, PAUZ.
KILL THIS LITTLE BRAT.
!!

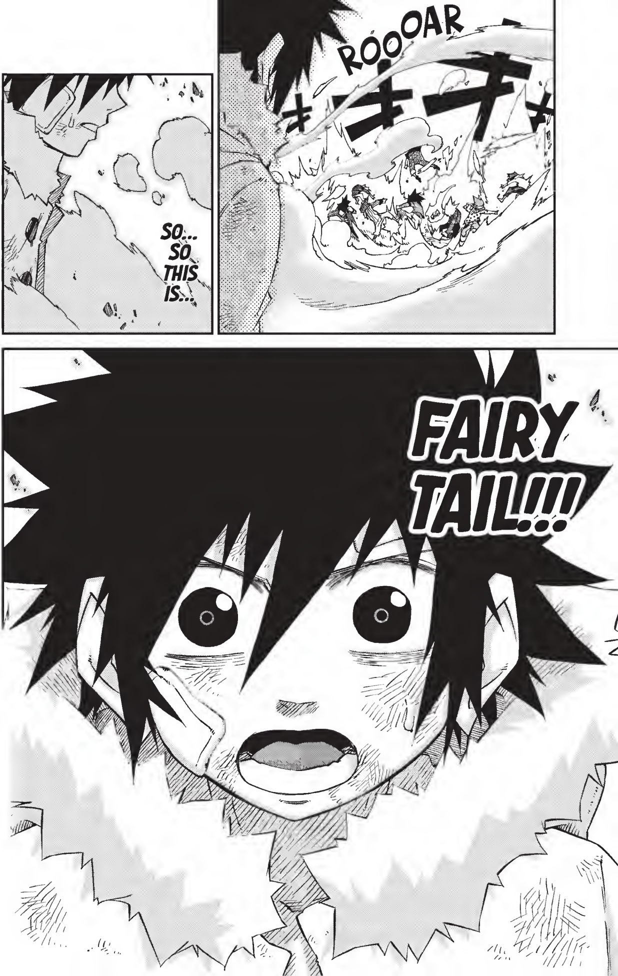

NOW DO IT!!
Shake
Shake
I...
I CAN'T...
BECAUSE GRAY-KUN...
...IS THE FIRST FRIEND I'VE EVER HAD...
PAUZ...
UNH...
AHH...
WHAT'S THAT, NOW?
SO YOU WERE LYING JUST A MOMENT AGO ABOUT MY ORDERS BEING ABSOLUTE?


AND I WENT THROUGH ALL THAT TROUBLE TO REAR YOU... BUT MAYBE IT'S TIME NOW.
FINE. THEN I'LL FINISH YOU TOGETHER.
...I'LL NEVER...
THIS IS NO GUILD...!!!
I'LL NEVER CALL IT A GUILD!!
DIE, Y-
I THINK THAT'S ENOUGH.
?!!


TA-DAA
!!!!
HUH...?
HEY, WAKABA. GET UP!
UGH...
SHAKE
SHAKE
HUH...? MACAO?
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

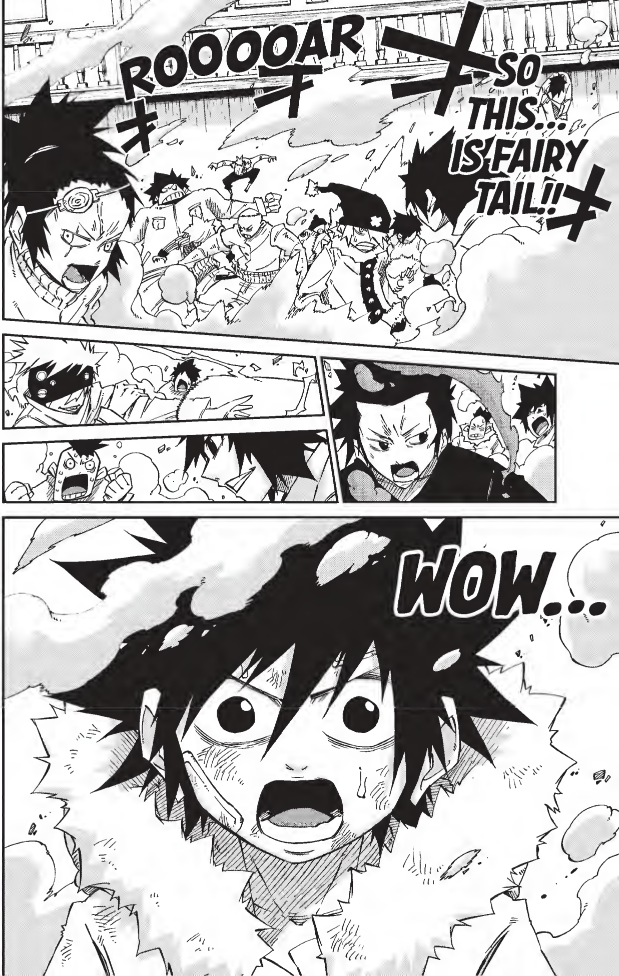

YOU...! YOU'RE FAIRY TAIL!
HOW DID YOU FIGURE OUT WHERE WE...
MAGNOLIA IS OUR TOWN.
WE HEAR ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS HERE.
NOW, YOU KIDS...
YOU BASTARDS... DON'T THINK YOU CAN PUT YOUR HANDS ON MY FAMILY AND GET AWAY WITH IT!
KRAKL
KRAKL

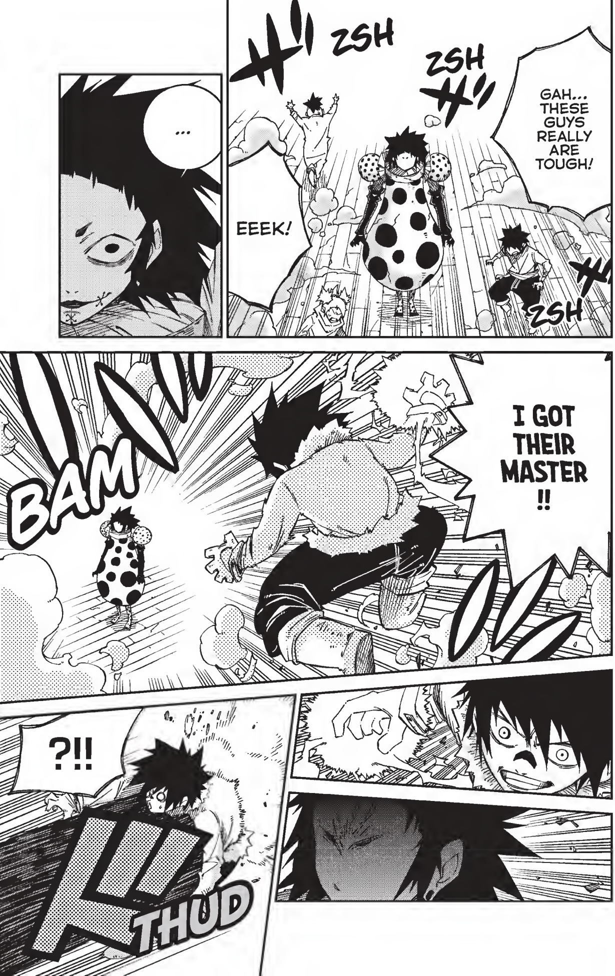

TIME FOR YOU TO RUN WILD!!!
ROOOAR

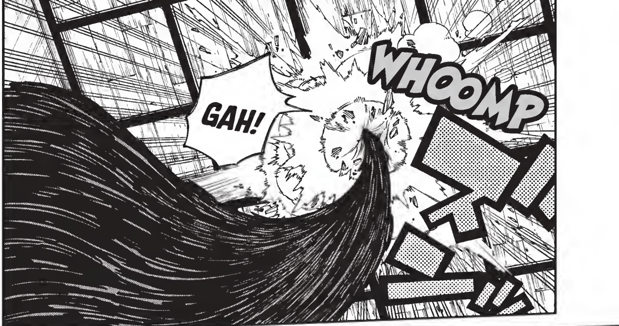

ROOOAR
SO... SO THIS IS...
FAIRY TAIL!!!

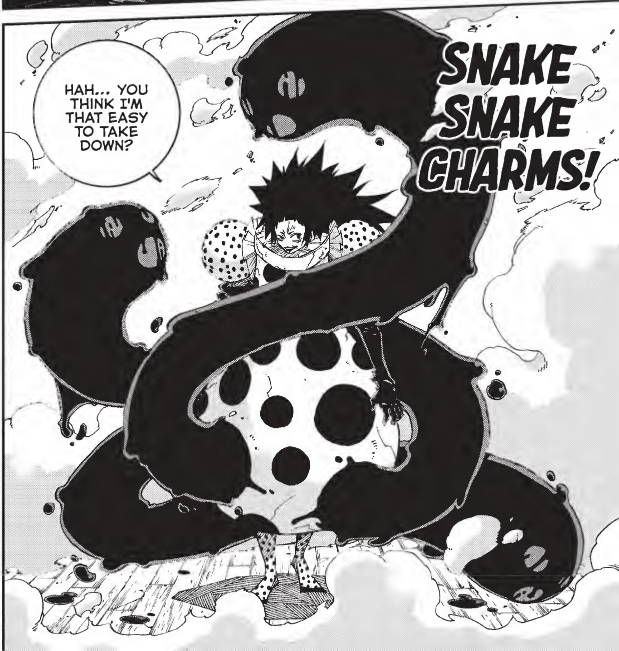
Chapter 13: Start Again

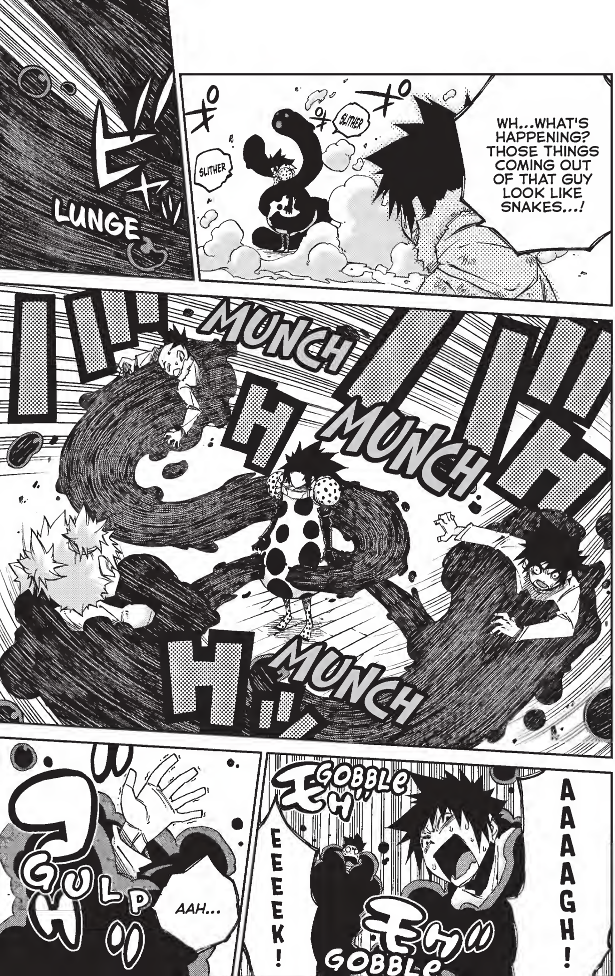
FAIRY TAIL: ICE TRAIL

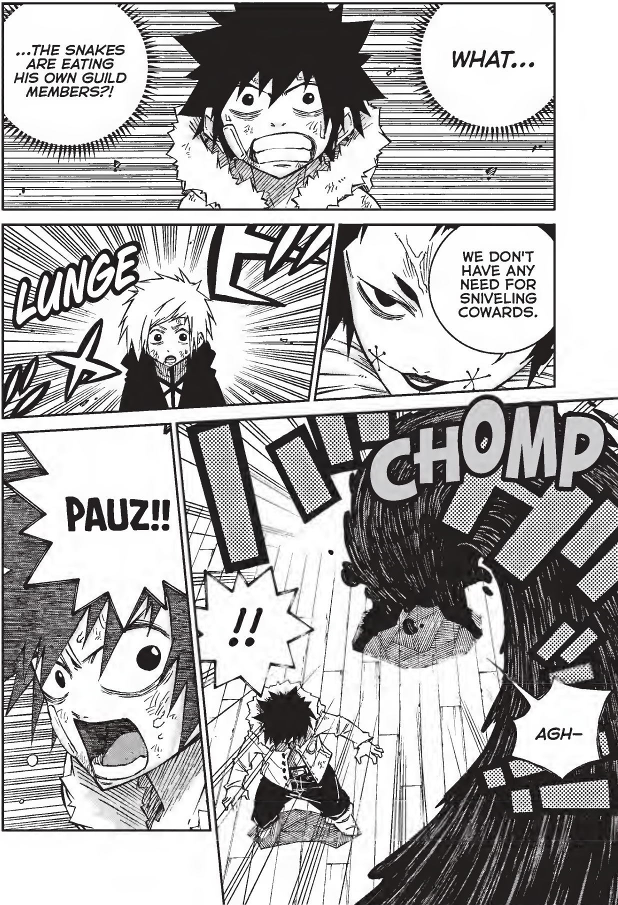

SO THIS... IS FAIRY TAIL!!
ROOOOAR
WOW...

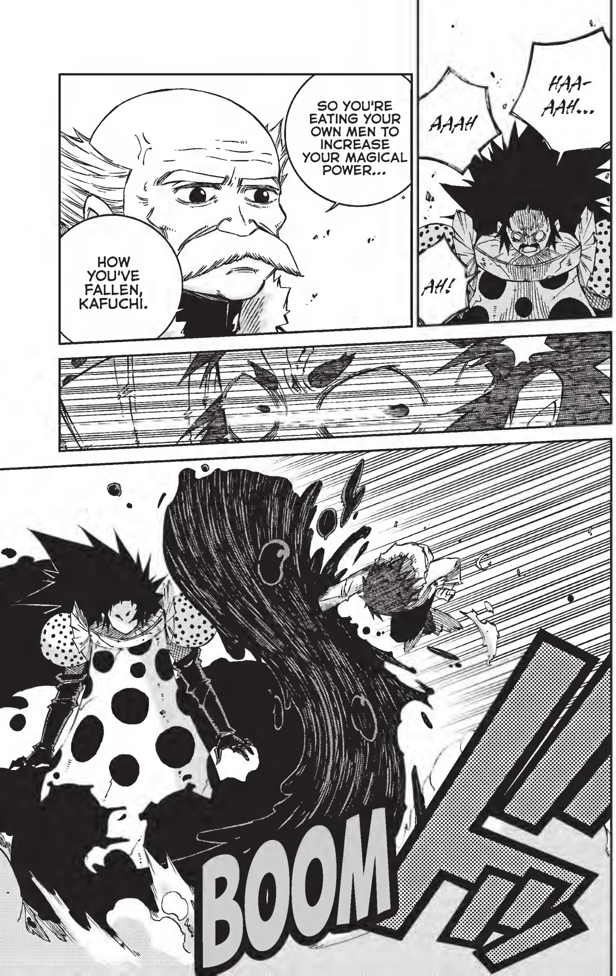

ZSH
ZSH
GAH... THESE GUYS REALLY ARE TOUGH!
EEEK!
ZSH
...
I GOT THEIR MASTER!!
BAM
?!!
THUD

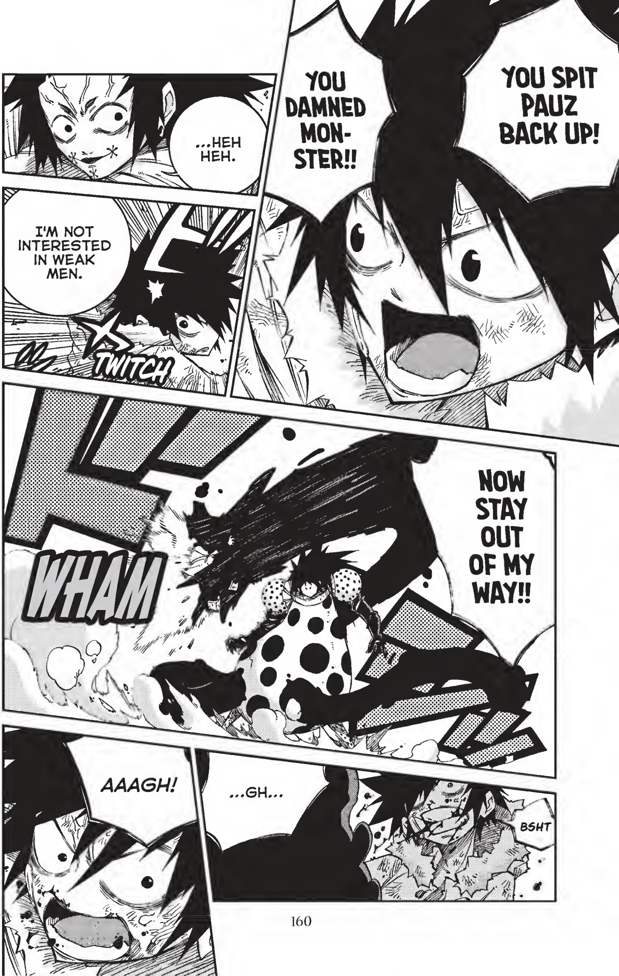

WHOOMP
GAH!

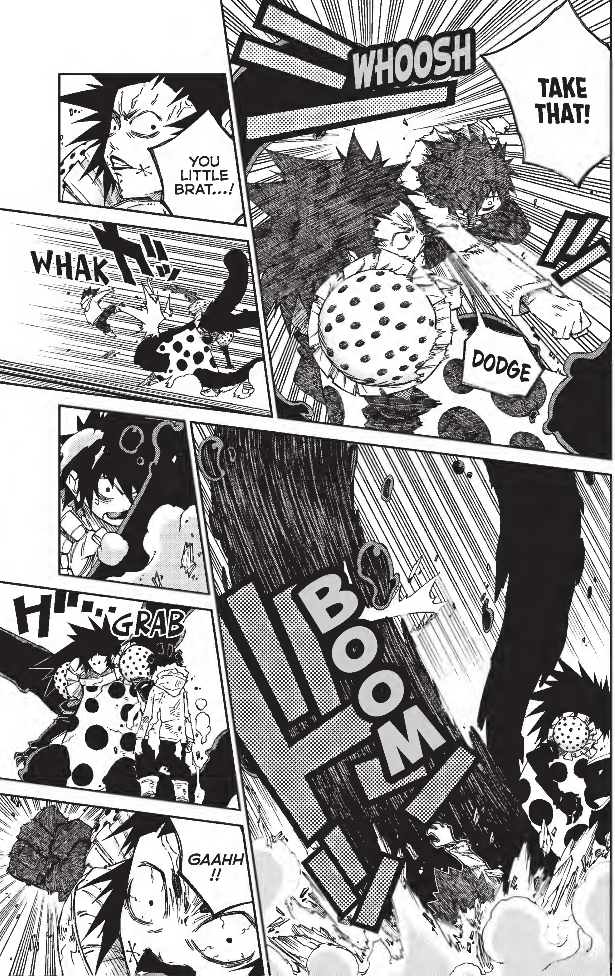

SNAKE SNAKE CHARMS!
HAH... YOU THINK I'M THAT EASY TO TAKE DOWN?

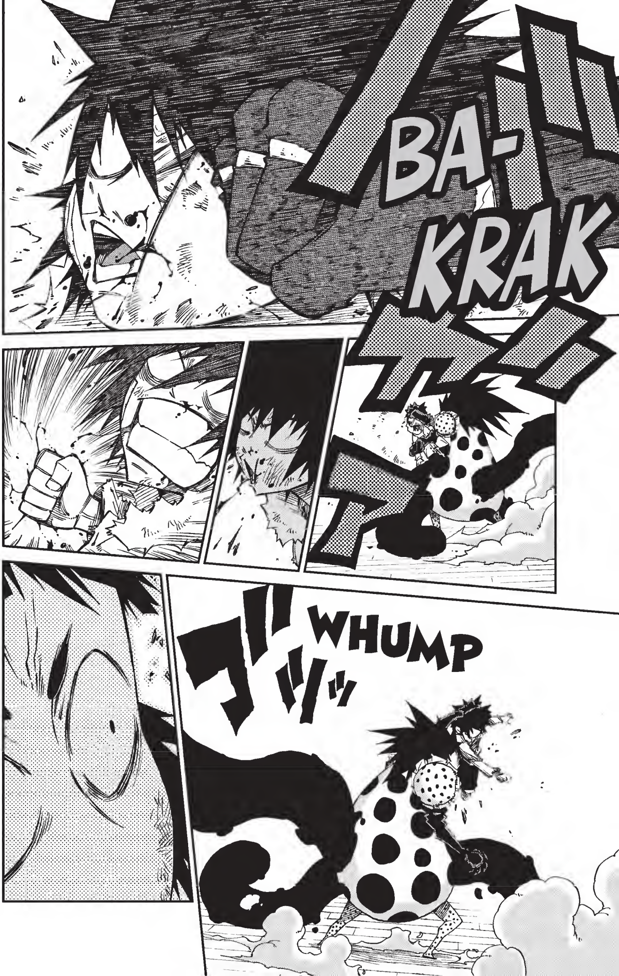

WH...WHAT'S HAPPENING? THOSE THINGS COMING OUT OF THAT GUY LOOK LIKE SNAKES...!
SLITHER
SLITHER
LUNGE
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
AAAAAGH!
GOBBLE
EEEEEK!
GOBBLE
AAH...
GULP

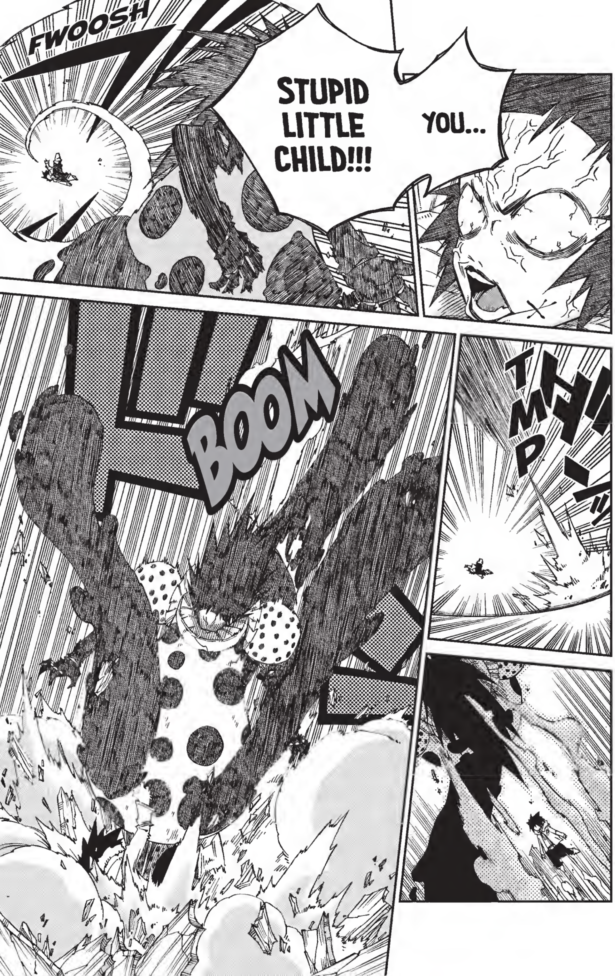

WHAT...
...THE SNAKES ARE EATING HIS OWN GUILD MEMBERS?!
WE DON'T HAVE ANY NEED FOR SNIVELING COWARDS.
LUNGE
CHOMP
AGH–
!!
PAUZ!!

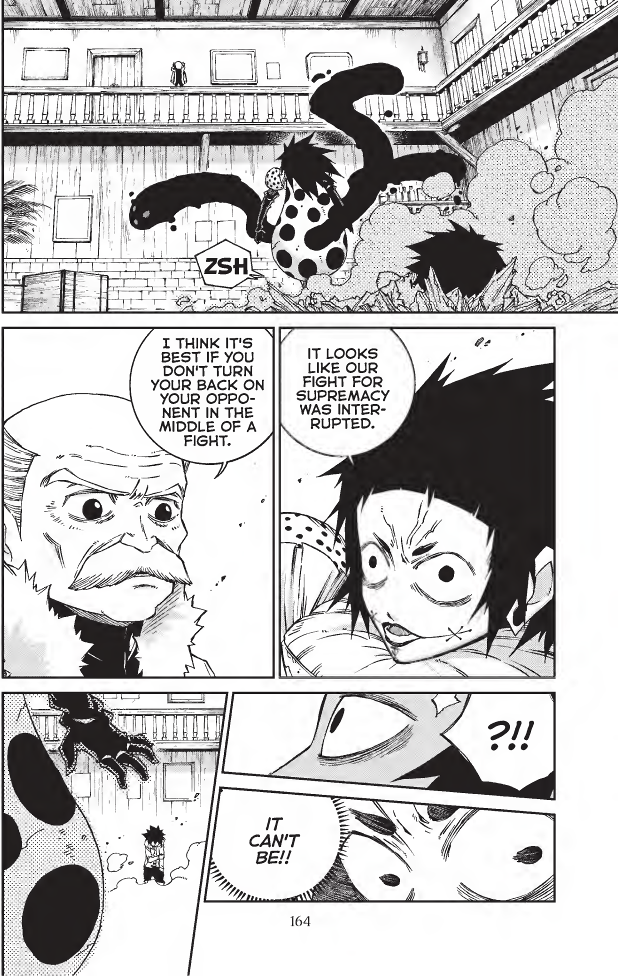

HAA-AAH...
AAAH
AH!
SO YOU'RE EATING YOUR OWN MEN TO INCREASE YOUR MAGICAL POWER...
HOW YOU'VE FALLEN, KAFUCHI.
BOOM

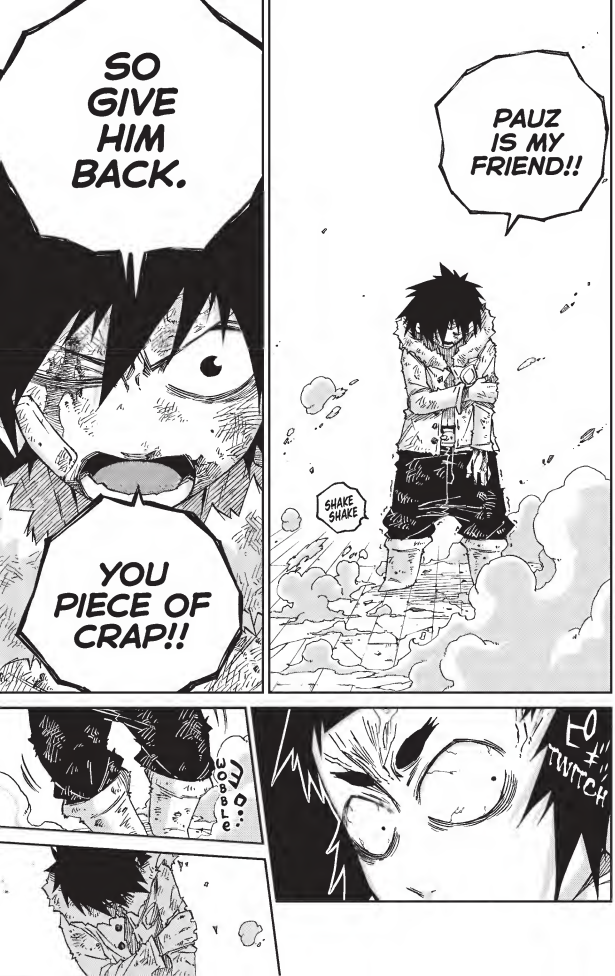

YOU SPIT PAUZ BACK UP!
YOU DAMNED MON-STER!!
...HEH HEH.
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN WEAK MEN.
TWITCH
NOW STAY OUT OF MY WAY!!
WHAM
BSHT
...GH...
AAAGH!

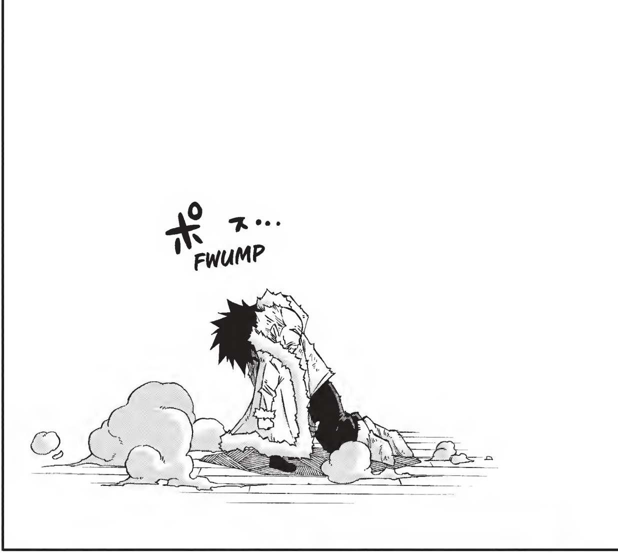

WHOOSH
TAKE THAT!
DODGE
YOU LITTLE BRAT...!
WHAK
BOOM
GRAB
GAAHH!!

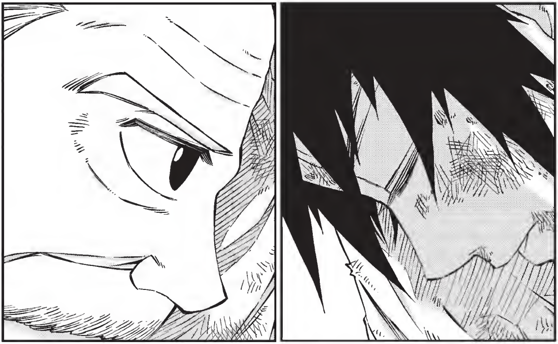

BA-KRAK
WHUMP

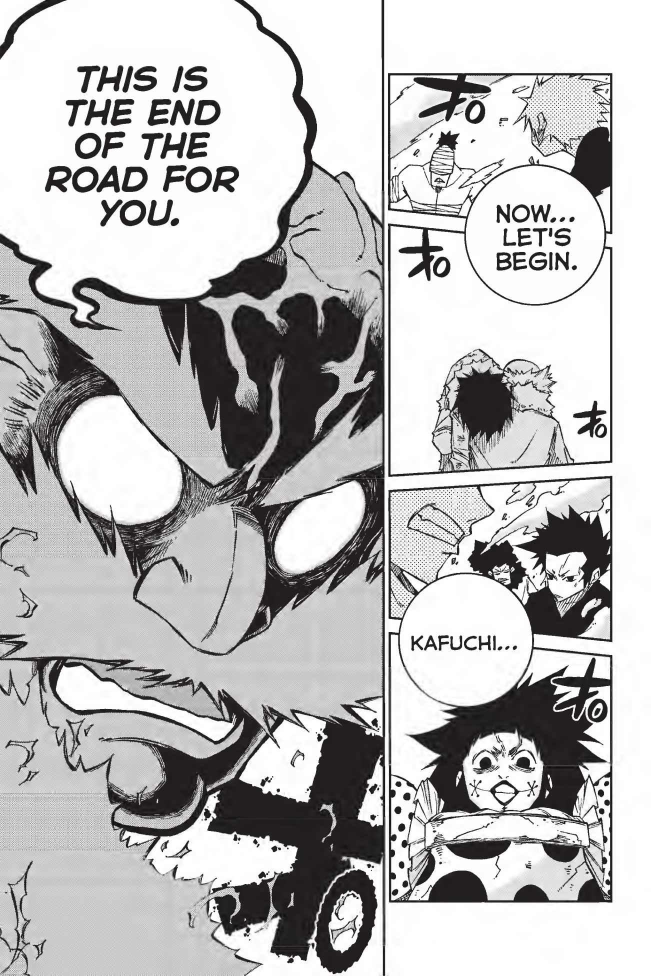

YOU...
STUPID LITTLE CHILD!!!
FWOOSH
THMP
BOOM


ZSH
IT LOOKS LIKE OUR FIGHT FOR SUPREMACY WAS INTERRUPTED.
I THINK IT'S BEST IF YOU DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON YOUR OPPONENT IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT.
?!!
IT CAN'T BE!!


PAUZ IS MY FRIEND!!
SHAKE SHAKE
SO GIVE HIM BACK.
YOU PIECE OF CRAP!!
ピキ‼
TWITCH
ヨロ…
WOBBLE


ポス…
FWUMP

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NOW... LET'S BEGIN.
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KAFUCHI...
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THIS IS THE END OF THE ROAD FOR YOU.
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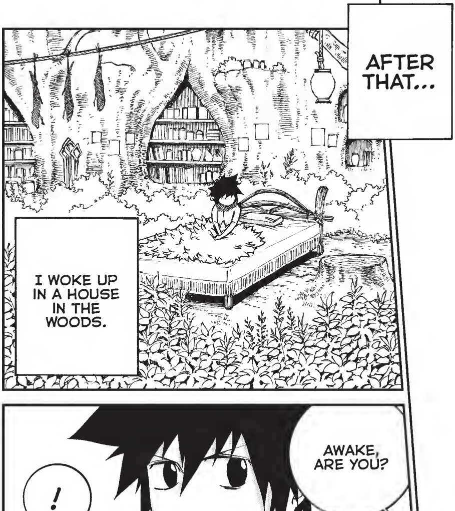
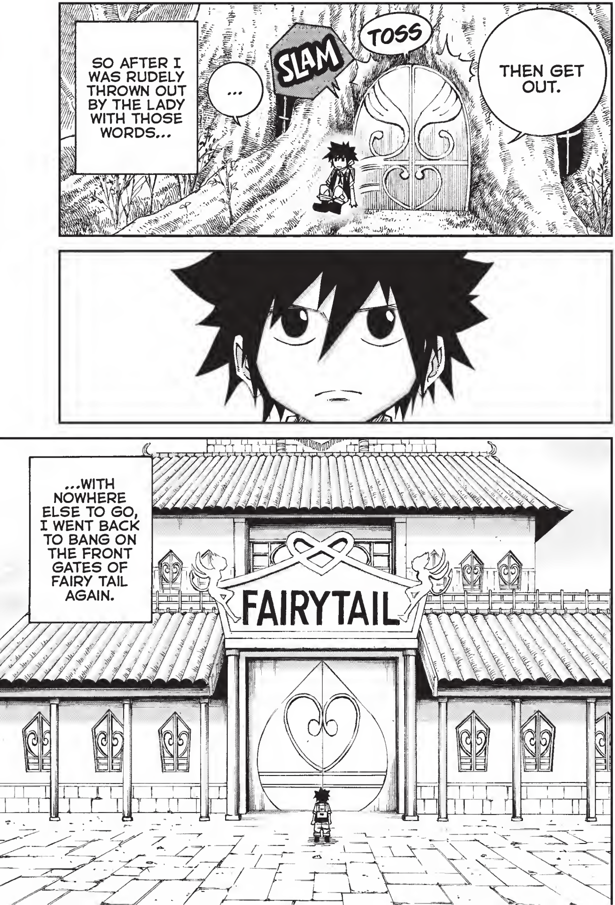
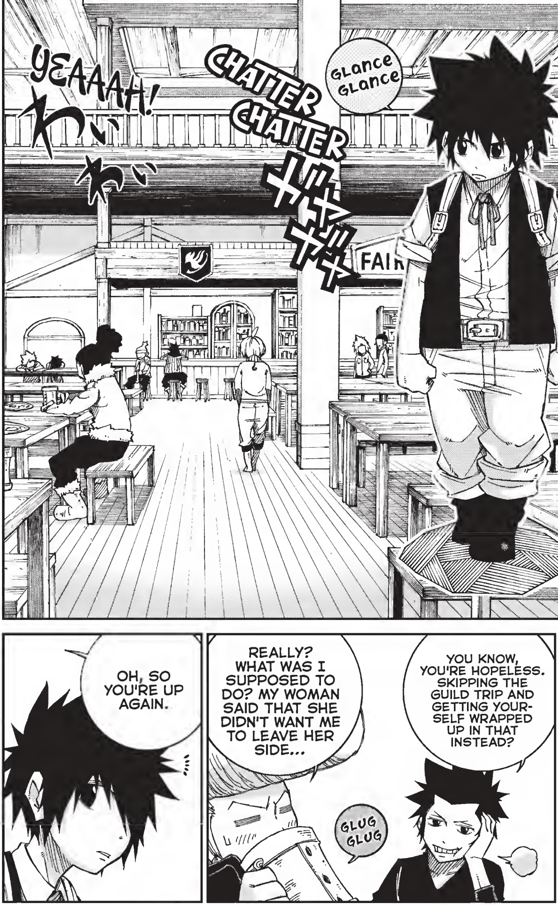
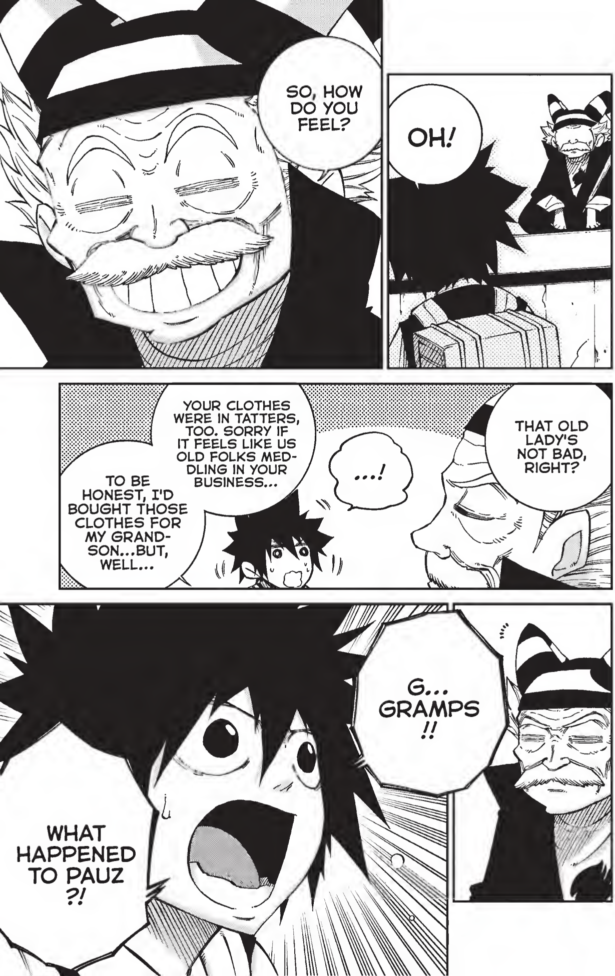
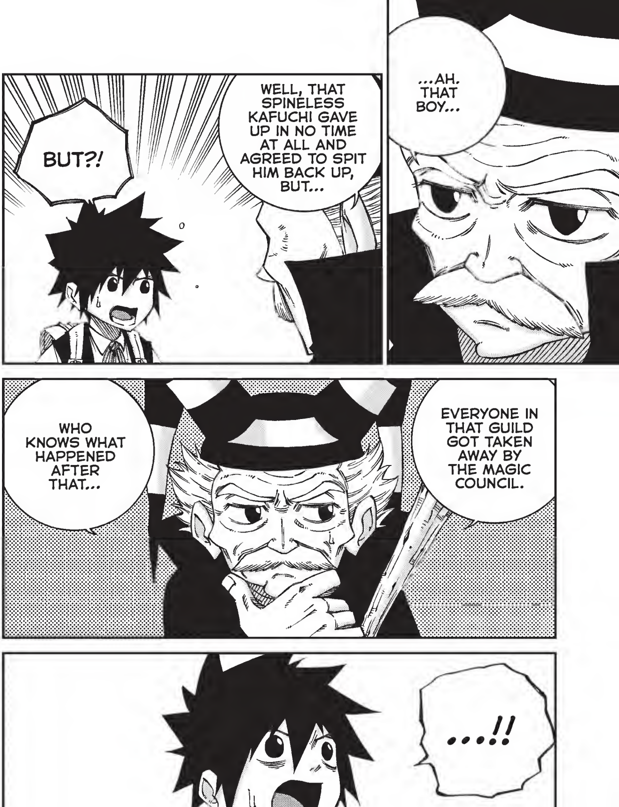
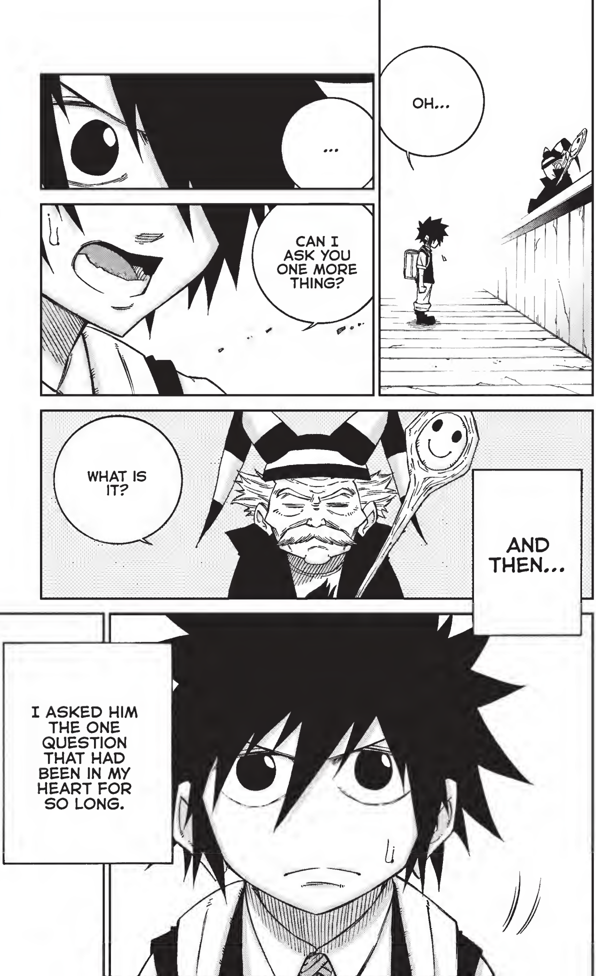

AFTER THAT...
I WOKE UP IN A HOUSE IN THE WOODS.
AWAKE, ARE YOU?
!
THE OLD LADY THERE WAS SOMEONE THE MASTER OF FAIRY TAIL KNEW, AND HE APPARENTLY ASKED HER TO CARE FOR ME.

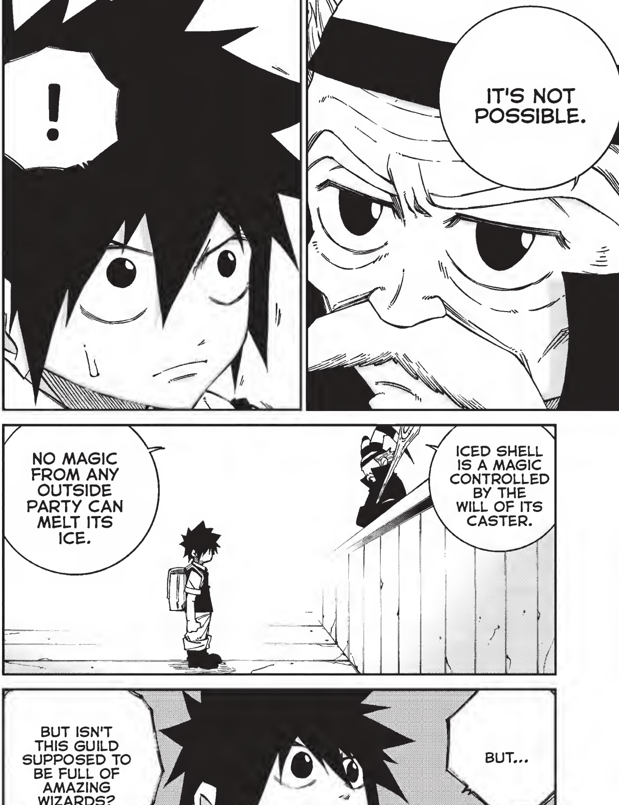

THEN GET OUT.
TOSS
SLAM
...
SO AFTER I WAS RUDELY THROWN OUT BY THE LADY WITH THOSE WORDS...
...WITH NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, I WENT BACK TO BANG ON THE FRONT GATES OF FAIRY TAIL AGAIN.
FAIRYTAIL

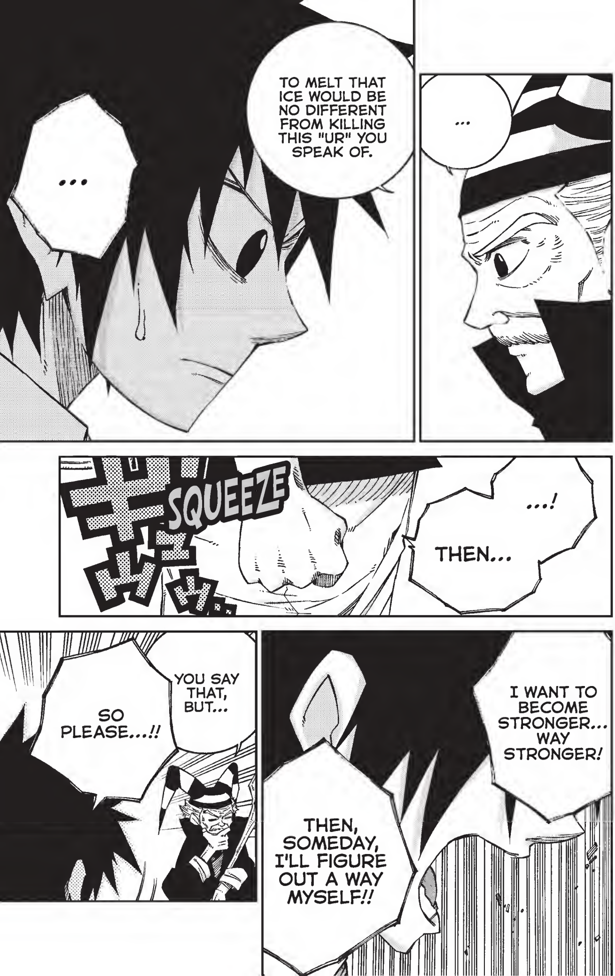

GLANCE GLANCE
CHATTER CHATTER
ガヤガヤ
YEAAAH!
わいわい
FAIR
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE HOPELESS. SKIPPING THE GUILD TRIP AND GETTING YOURSELF WRAPPED UP IN THAT INSTEAD?
REALLY? WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO? MY WOMAN SAID THAT SHE DIDN'T WANT ME TO LEAVE HER SIDE...
GLUG GLUG
OH, SO YOU'RE UP AGAIN.
...

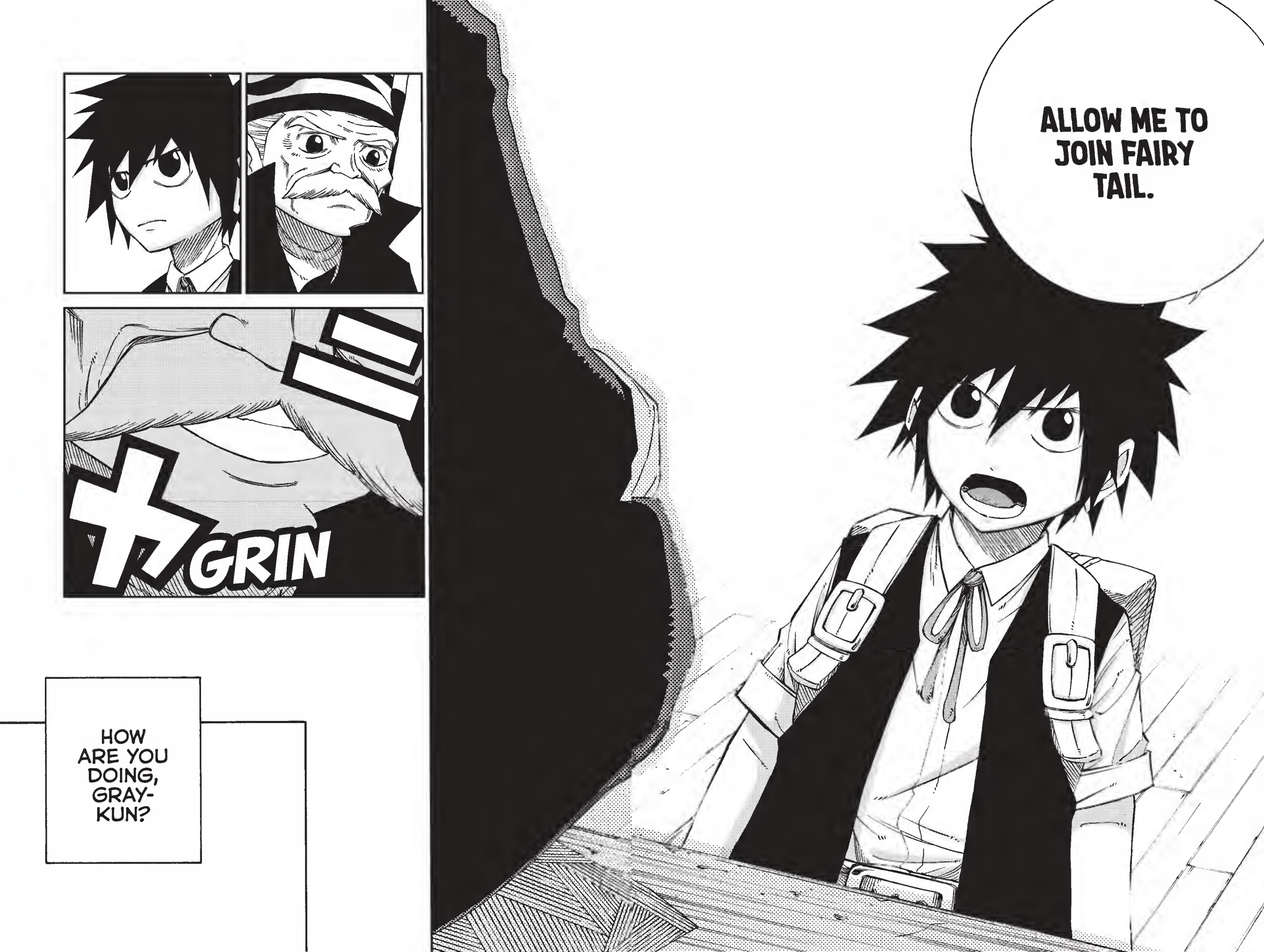

OH!
SO, HOW DO YOU FEEL?
THAT OLD LADY'S NOT BAD, RIGHT?
...!
YOUR CLOTHES WERE IN TATTERS, TOO. SORRY IF IT FEELS LIKE US OLD FOLKS MEDDLING IN YOUR BUSINESS...
TO BE HONEST, I'D BOUGHT THOSE CLOTHES FOR MY GRANDSON...BUT, WELL...
G... GRAMPS!!
WHAT HAPPENED TO PAUZ?!

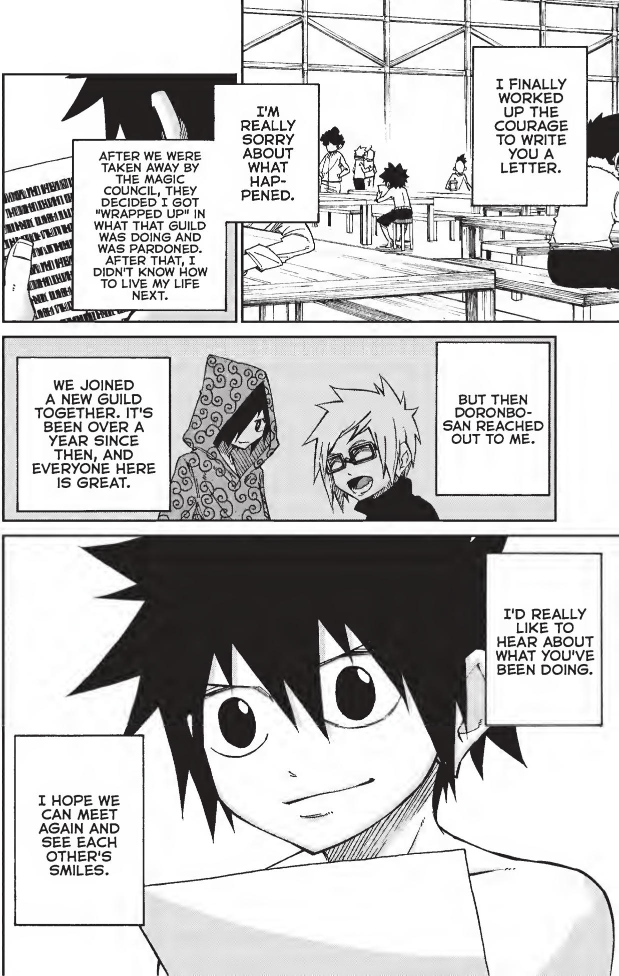

...AH. THAT BOY...
WELL, THAT SPINELESS KAFUCHI GAVE UP IN NO TIME AT ALL AND AGREED TO SPIT HIM BACK UP, BUT...
BUT?!
EVERYONE IN THAT GUILD GOT TAKEN AWAY BY THE MAGIC COUNCIL.
WHO KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT...
...!!

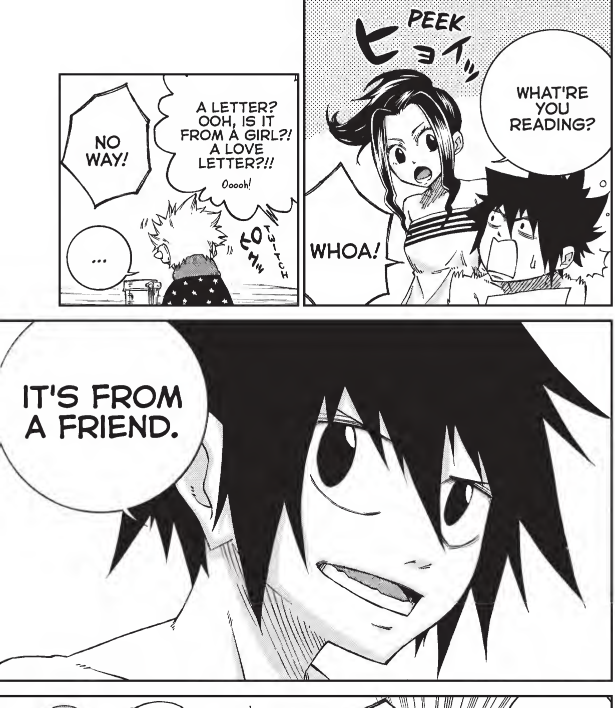

OH...
...
CAN I ASK YOU ONE MORE THING?
WHAT IS IT?
AND THEN...
I ASKED HIM THE ONE QUESTION THAT HAD BEEN IN MY HEART FOR SO LONG.

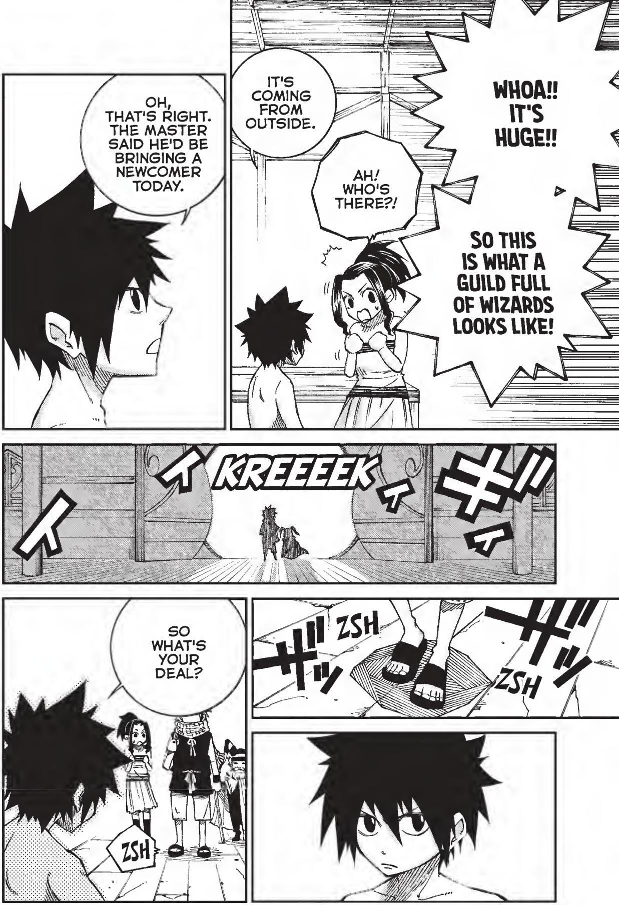

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
!
ICED SHELL IS A MAGIC CONTROLLED BY THE WILL OF ITS CASTER.
NO MAGIC FROM ANY OUTSIDE PARTY CAN MELT ITS ICE.
BUT...
BUT ISN'T THIS GUILD SUPPOSED TO BE FULL OF AMAZING WIZARDS?

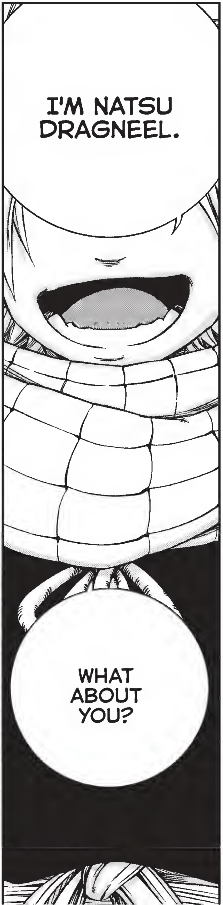

TO MELT THAT ICE WOULD BE NO DIFFERENT FROM KILLING THIS "UR" YOU SPEAK OF.
...
...
SQUEEZE
...!
THEN...
I WANT TO BECOME STRONGER... WAY STRONGER!
THEN, SOMEDAY, I'LL FIGURE OUT A WAY MYSELF!!
SO PLEASE...!!
YOU SAY THAT, BUT...

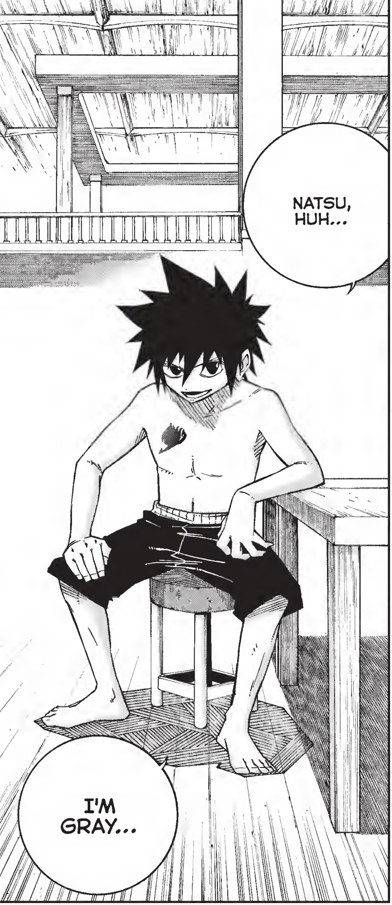

ALLOW ME TO JOIN FAIRY TAIL.
ニヤ
GRIN
HOW ARE YOU DOING, GRAY-KUN?

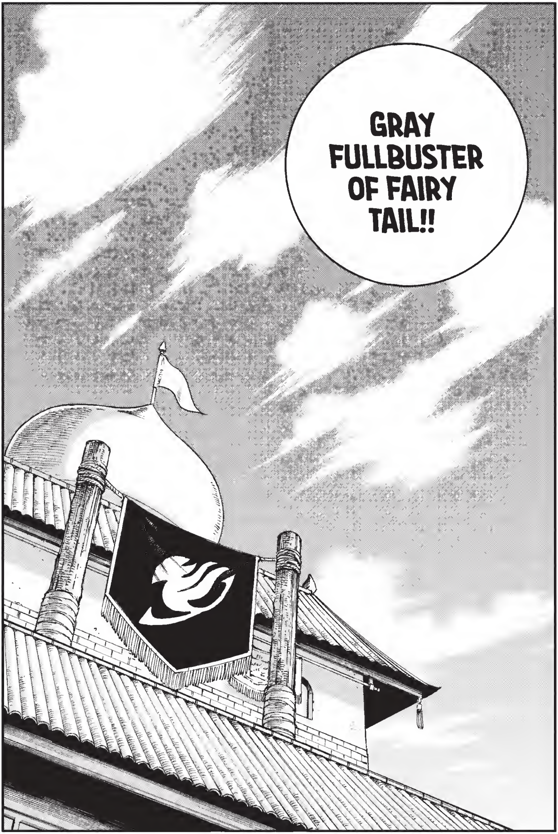

I FINALLY WORKED UP THE COURAGE TO WRITE YOU A LETTER.
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED.
AFTER WE WERE TAKEN AWAY BY THE MAGIC COUNCIL, THEY DECIDED I GOT "WRAPPED UP" IN WHAT THAT GUILD WAS DOING AND WAS PARDONED. AFTER THAT, I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO LIVE MY LIFE NEXT.
BUT THEN DORONBO-SAN REACHED OUT TO ME.
WE JOINED A NEW GUILD TOGETHER. IT'S BEEN OVER A YEAR SINCE THEN, AND EVERYONE HERE IS GREAT.
I'D REALLY LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING.
I HOPE WE CAN MEET AGAIN AND SEE EACH OTHER'S SMILES.


ヒョイッ
PEEK
WHAT'RE YOU READING?
WHOA!
A LETTER? OOH, IS IT FROM A GIRL?! A LOVE LETTER?!!
Ooooh!
ピクッ
TWITCH
NO WAY!
...
IT'S FROM A FRIEND.
SOOO, FROM A GIRL, THEN?
NO, A GUY!
PHEW.


WHOA!! IT'S HUGE!!
SO THIS IS WHAT A GUILD FULL OF WIZARDS LOOKS LIKE!
IT'S COMING FROM OUTSIDE.
AH! WHO'S THERE?!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT. THE MASTER SAID HE'D BE BRINGING A NEWCOMER TODAY.
KREEEEK
ZSH
ZSH
SO WHAT'S YOUR DEAL?
ZSH

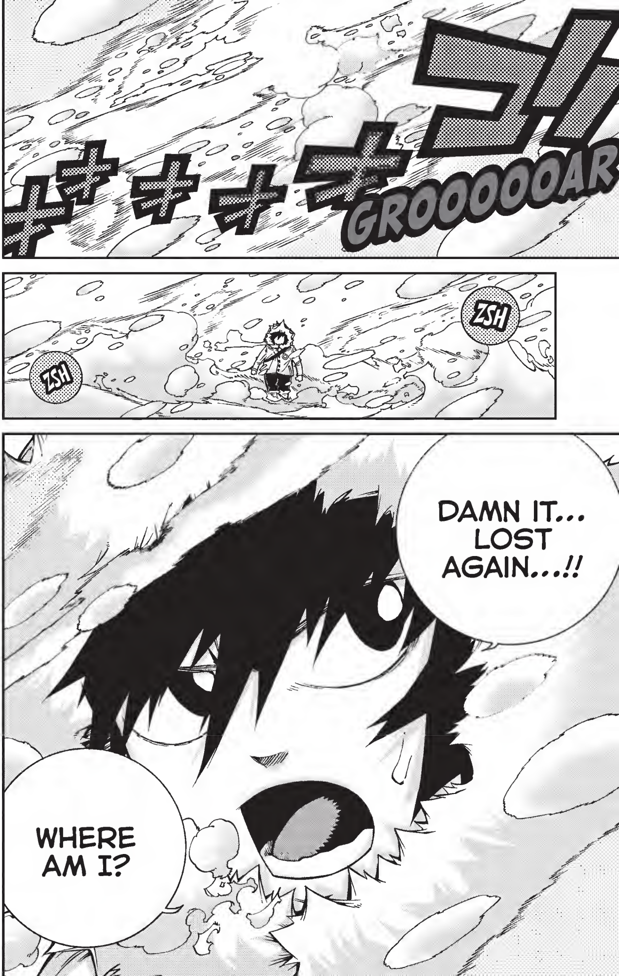

I'M NATSU DRAGNEEL.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

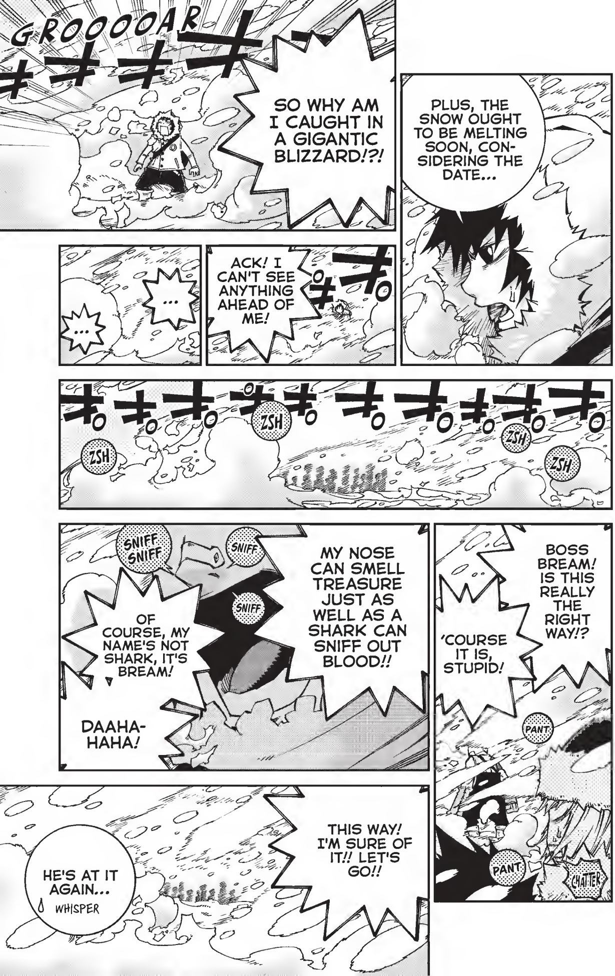

NATSU, HUH...
I'M GRAY...

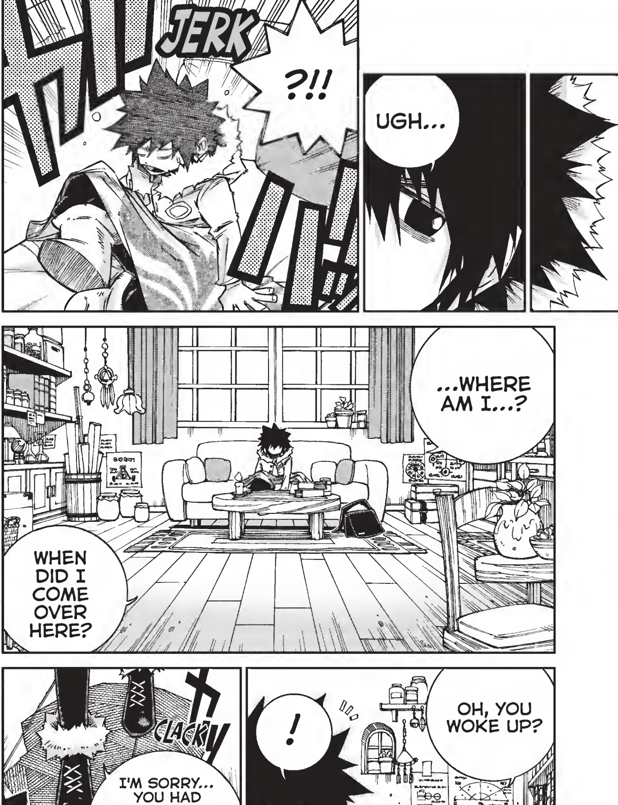

GRAY FULLBUSTER OF FAIRY TAIL!!

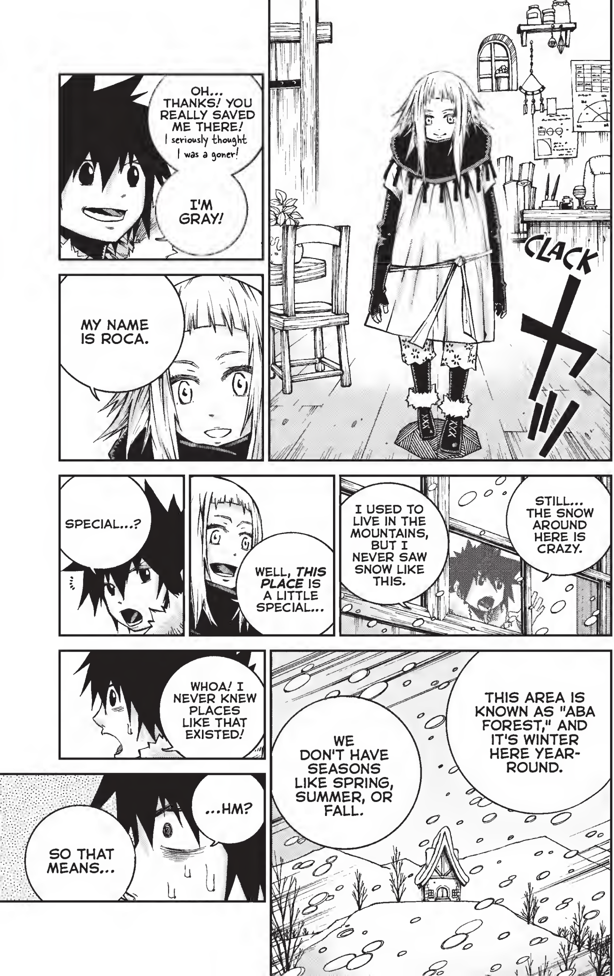
TO BE CONTINUED IN *FAIRY TAIL*

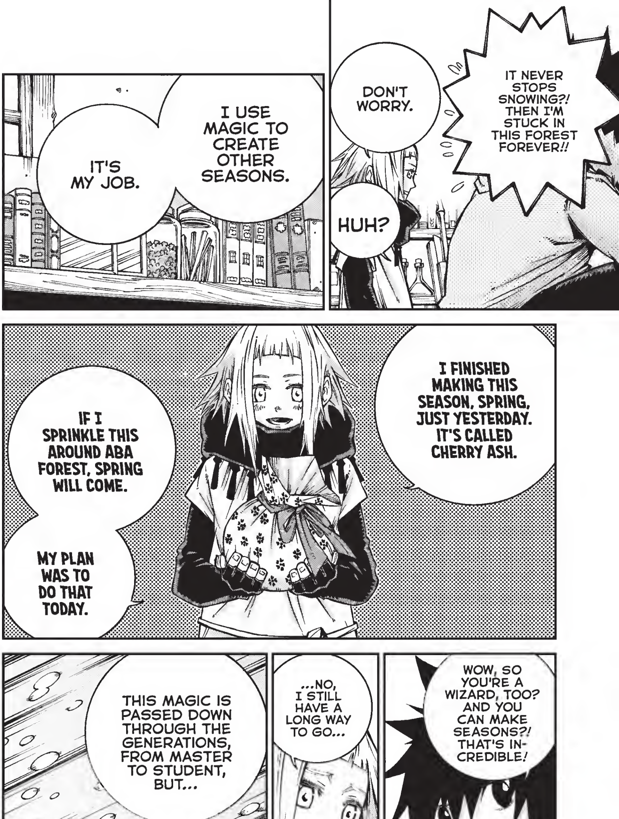
Another Trail: Spring, When Snow Blooms

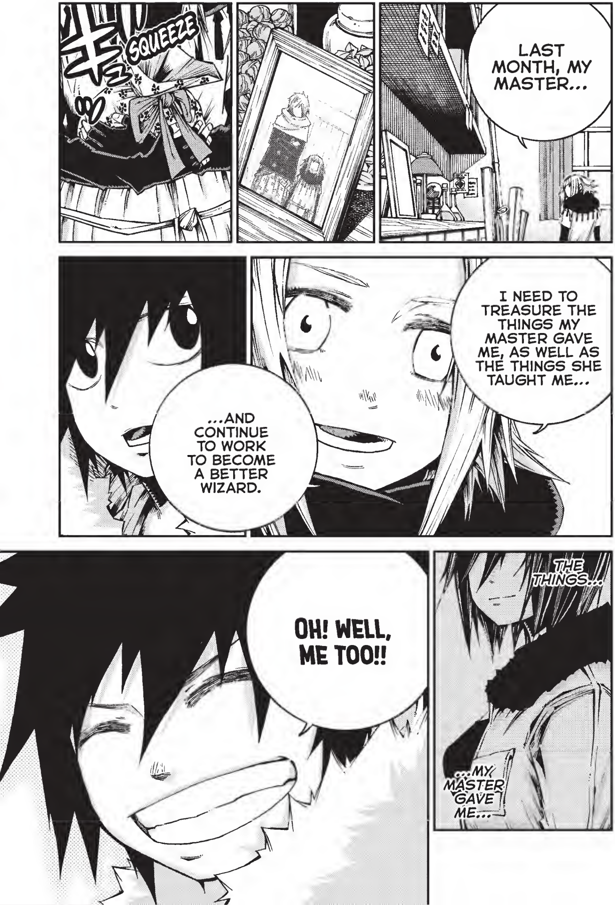

GROOOOOAR
ZSH
ZSH
DAMN IT... LOST AGAIN...!!
WHERE AM I?

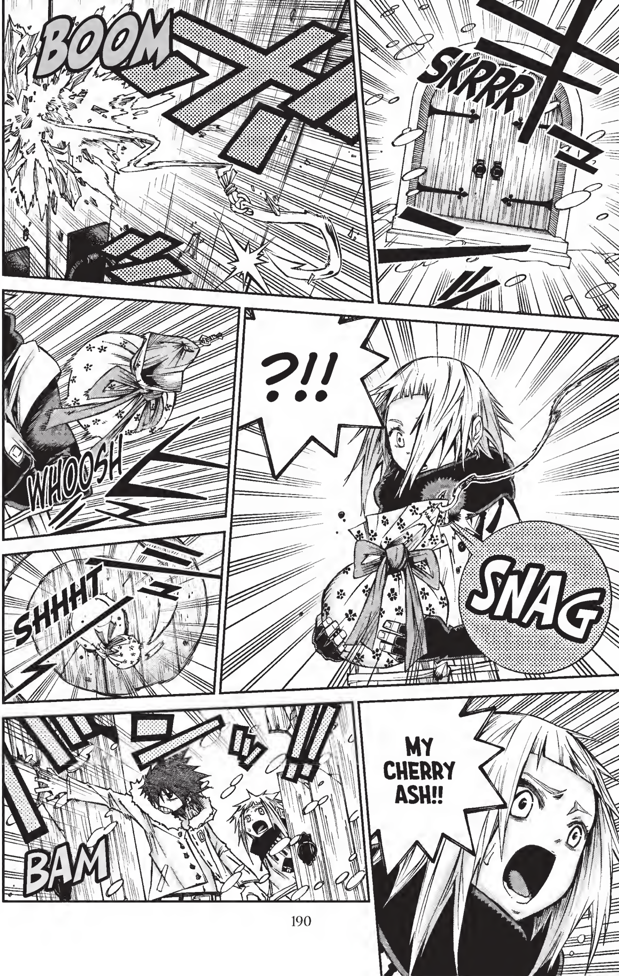

GROOOOAR
SO WHY AM I CAUGHT IN A GIGANTIC BLIZZARD!?!
PLUS, THE SNOW OUGHT TO BE MELTING SOON, CONSIDERING THE DATE...
ACK! I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING AHEAD OF ME!
...
...
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
BOSS BREAM! IS THIS REALLY THE RIGHT WAY!?
'COURSE IT IS, STUPID!
PANT
PANT
CHATTER
SNIFF SNIFF
SNIFF
MY NOSE CAN SMELL TREASURE JUST AS WELL AS A SHARK CAN SNIFF OUT BLOOD!!
SNIFF
OF COURSE, MY NAME'S NOT SHARK, IT'S BREAM!
DAAHAHAHA!
THIS WAY! I'M SURE OF IT!! LET'S GO!!
HE'S AT IT AGAIN...
WHISPER

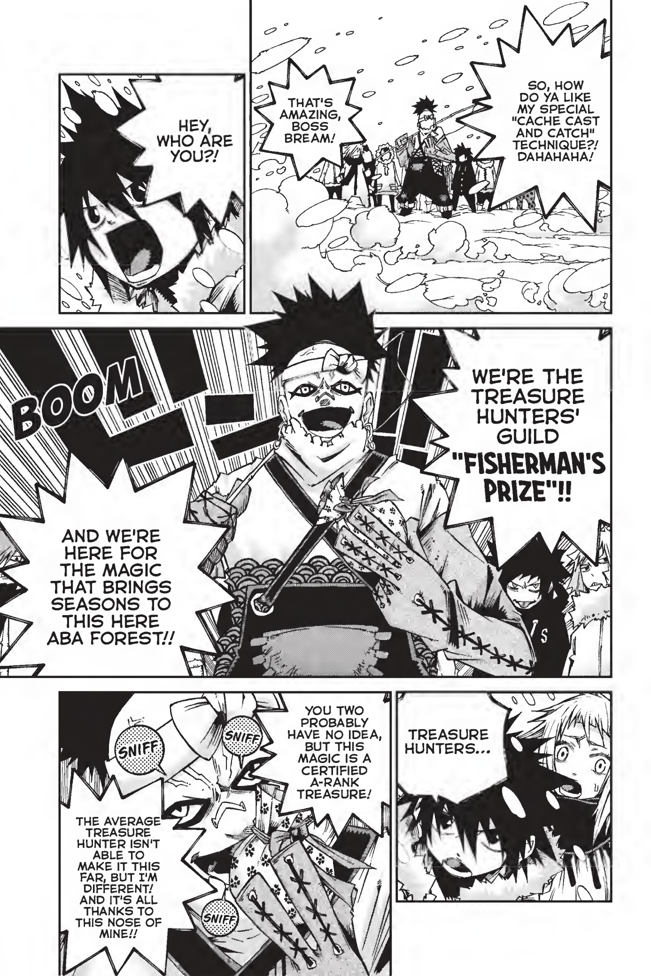

UGH...
JERK
?!!
...WHERE AM I...?
WHEN DID I COME OVER HERE?
OH, YOU WOKE UP?
!
CLACK
CLACK
I'M SORRY... YOU HAD COLLAPSED NEAR HERE, SO I TOOK THE LIBERTY OF SHELTERING YOU.

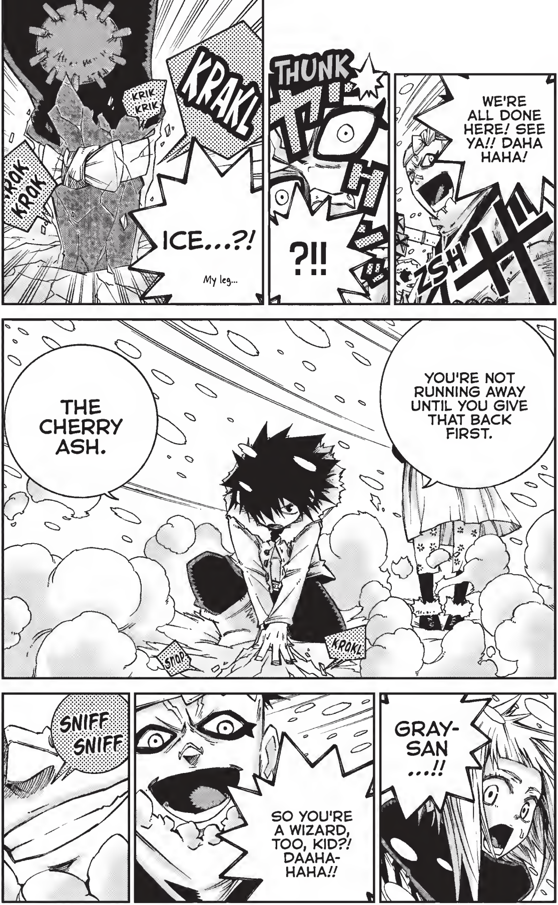

CLACK
OH... THANKS! YOU REALLY SAVED ME THERE! I seriously thought I was a goner!
I'M GRAY!
MY NAME IS ROCA.
STILL... THE SNOW AROUND HERE IS CRAZY.
I USED TO LIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS, BUT I NEVER SAW SNOW LIKE THIS.
WELL, *THIS PLACE* IS A LITTLE SPECIAL...
SPECIAL...?
THIS AREA IS KNOWN AS "ABA FOREST," AND IT'S WINTER HERE YEAR-ROUND.
WE DON'T HAVE SEASONS LIKE SPRING, SUMMER, OR FALL.
WHOA! I NEVER KNEW PLACES LIKE THAT EXISTED!
...HM?
SO THAT MEANS...

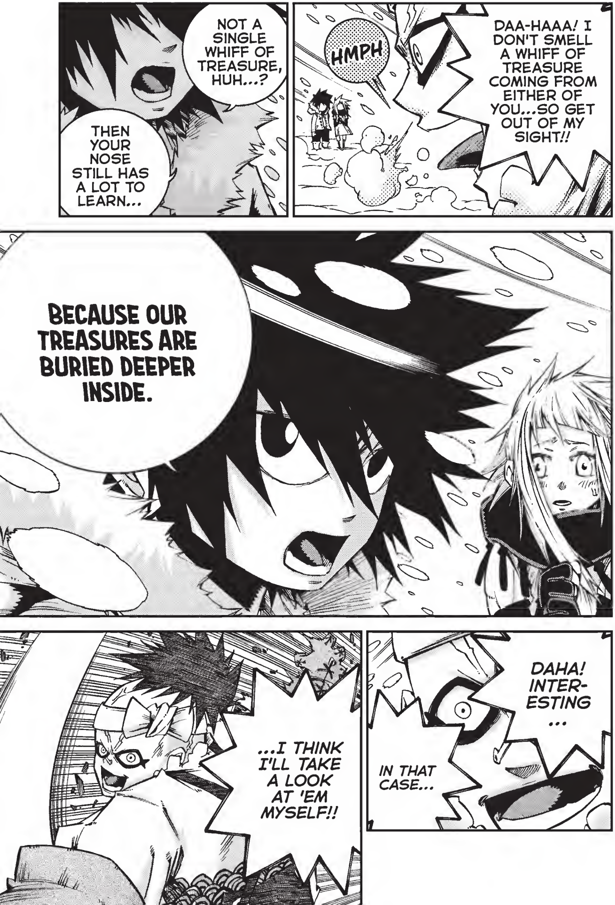

IT NEVER STOPS SNOWING?! THEN I'M STUCK IN THIS FOREST FOREVER!!
HUH?
DON'T WORRY.
I USE MAGIC TO CREATE OTHER SEASONS.
IT'S MY JOB.
I FINISHED MAKING THIS SEASON, SPRING, JUST YESTERDAY. IT'S CALLED CHERRY ASH.
IF I SPRINKLE THIS AROUND ABA FOREST, SPRING WILL COME.
MY PLAN WAS TO DO THAT TODAY.
WOW, SO YOU'RE A WIZARD, TOO? AND YOU CAN MAKE SEASONS?! THAT'S INCREDIBLE!
...NO, I STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO...
THIS MAGIC IS PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE GENERATIONS, FROM MASTER TO STUDENT, BUT...

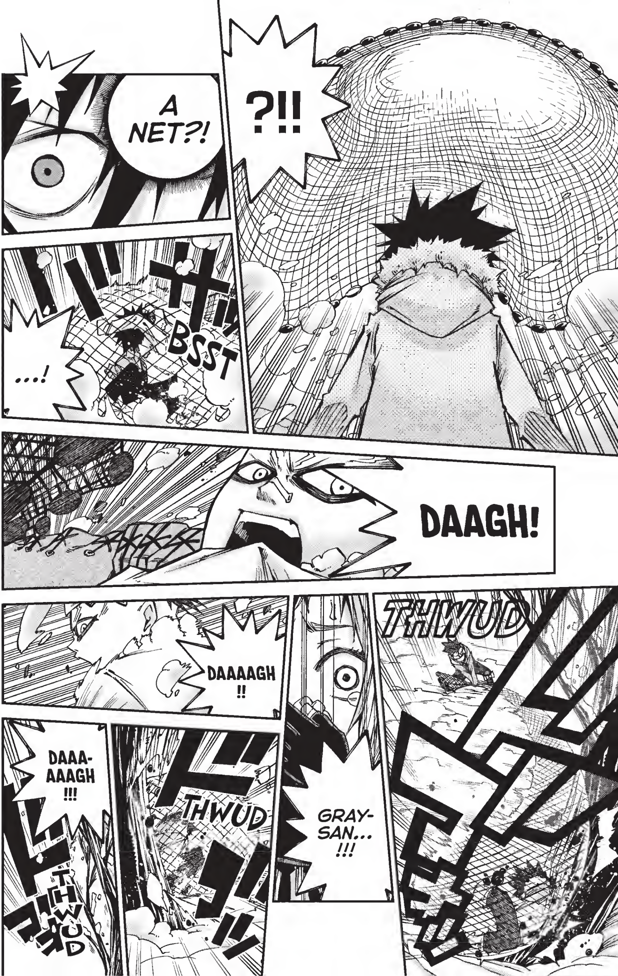

LAST MONTH, MY MASTER...
SQUEEZE
I NEED TO TREASURE THE THINGS MY MASTER GAVE ME, AS WELL AS THE THINGS SHE TAUGHT ME...
...AND CONTINUE TO WORK TO BECOME A BETTER WIZARD.
THE THINGS...
...MY MASTER GAVE ME...
OH! WELL, ME TOO!!

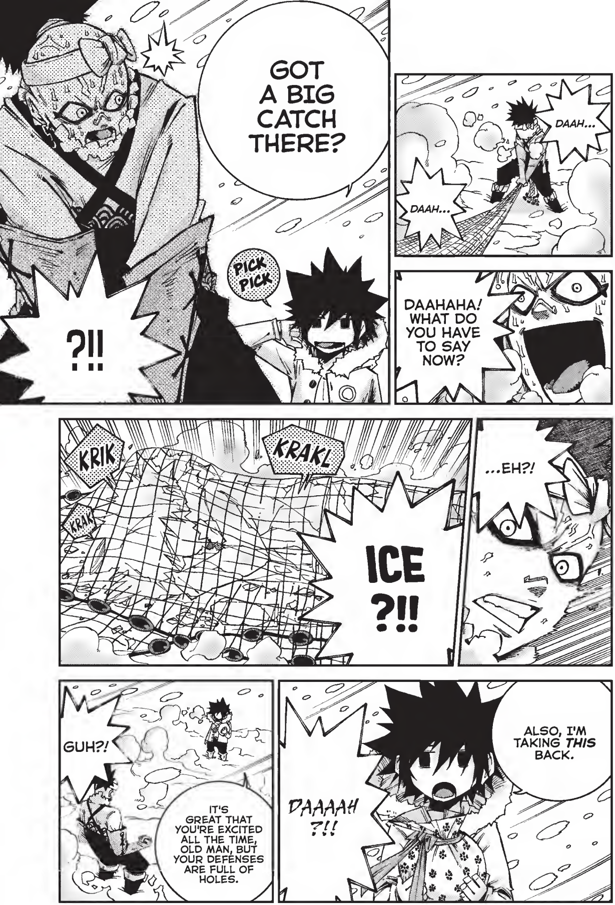

SKRRR
BOOM
?!!
SNAG
WHOOSH
SHHHT
MY CHERRY ASH!!
BAM

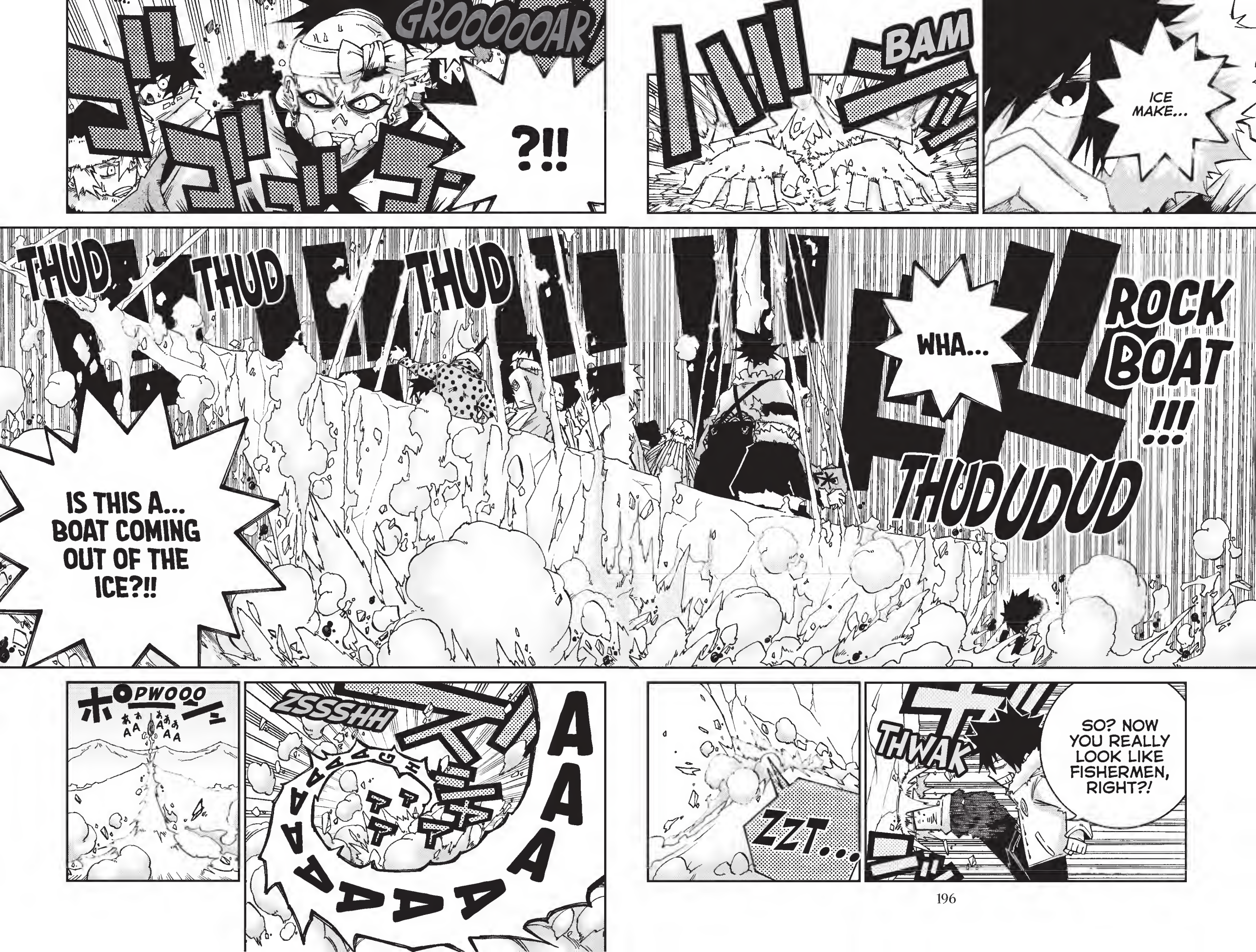

SO, HOW DO YA LIKE MY SPECIAL "CACHE CAST AND CATCH" TECHNIQUE?! DAHAHAHA!
THAT'S AMAZING, BOSS BREAM!
HEY, WHO ARE YOU?!
WE'RE THE TREASURE HUNTERS' GUILD "FISHERMAN'S PRIZE"!!
BOOM
AND WE'RE HERE FOR THE MAGIC THAT BRINGS SEASONS TO THIS HERE ABA FOREST!!
TREASURE HUNTERS...
YOU TWO PROBABLY HAVE NO IDEA, BUT THIS MAGIC IS A CERTIFIED A-RANK TREASURE!
SNIFF
SNIFF
THE AVERAGE TREASURE HUNTER ISN'T ABLE TO MAKE IT THIS FAR, BUT I'M DIFFERENT! AND IT'S ALL THANKS TO THIS NOSE OF MINE!!
SNIFF

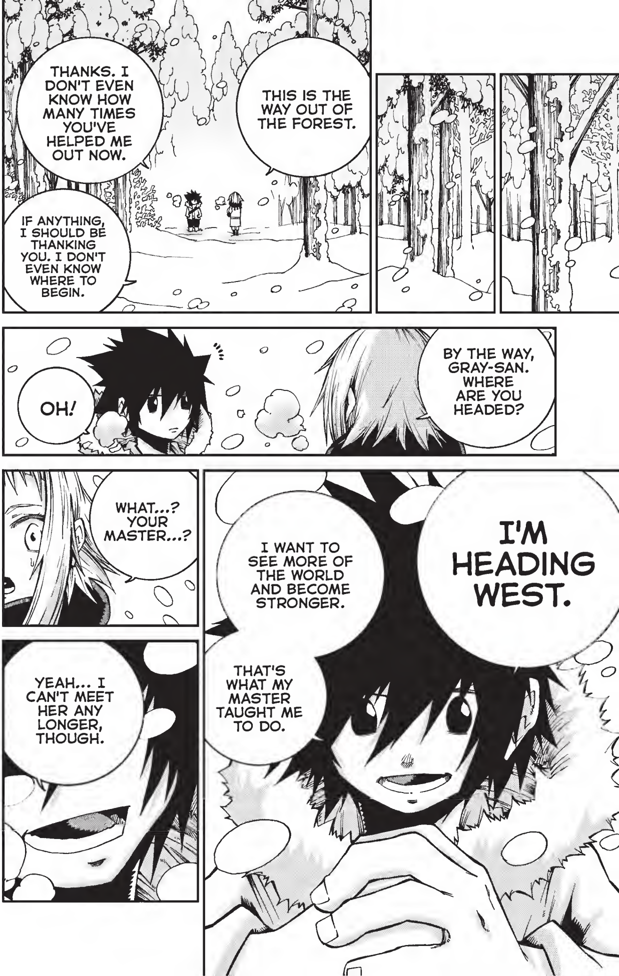

WE'RE ALL DONE HERE! SEE YA!! DAHA HAHA!
ZSH
THUNK
?!!
KRAKL
KRIK KRIK
ICE...?!
My leg...
RAK KRAK
YOU'RE NOT RUNNING AWAY UNTIL YOU GIVE THAT BACK FIRST.
THE CHERRY ASH.
KROKL
SNAP
GRAY-SAN ...!!
SO YOU'RE A WIZARD, TOO, KID?! DAAHA-HAHA!!
SNIFF SNIFF

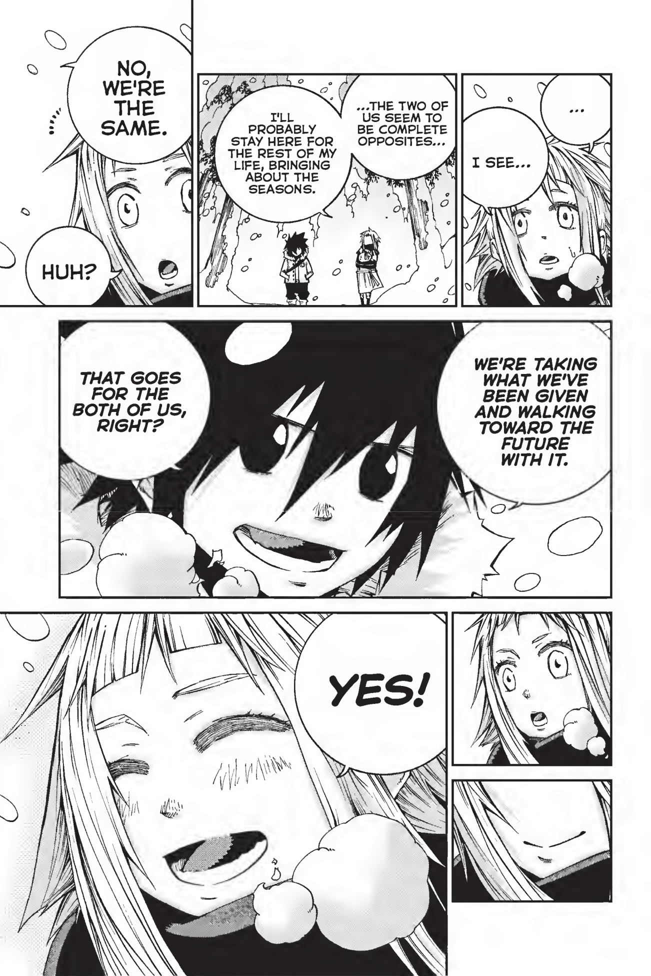

DAA-HAAA! I DON'T SMELL A WHIFF OF TREASURE COMING FROM EITHER OF YOU...SO GET OUT OF MY SIGHT!!
HMPH
NOT A SINGLE WHIFF OF TREASURE, HUH...?
THEN YOUR NOSE STILL HAS A LOT TO LEARN...
BECAUSE OUR TREASURES ARE BURIED DEEPER INSIDE.
DAHA! INTERESTING...
IN THAT CASE...
...I THINK I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT 'EM MYSELF!!

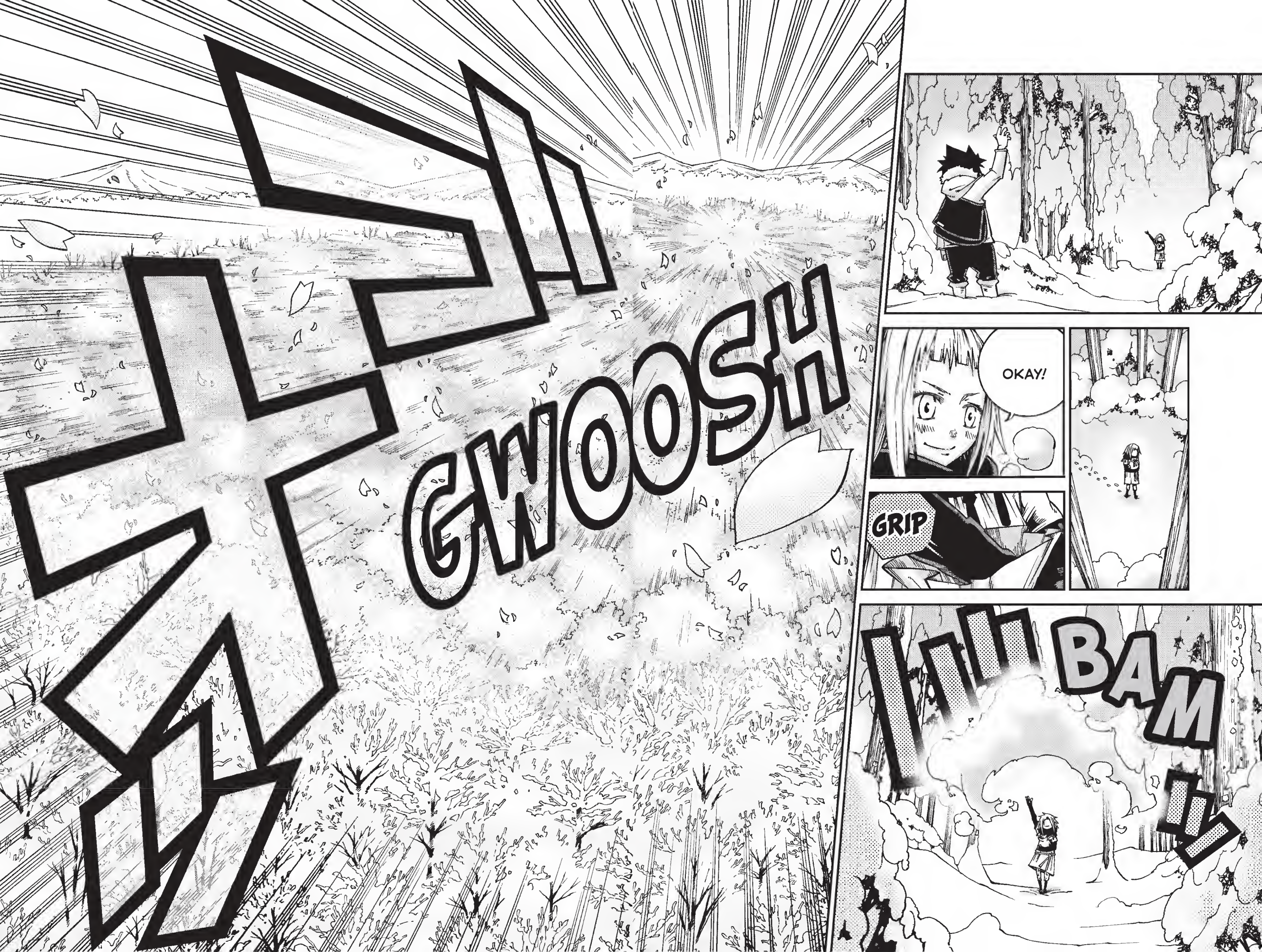

?!!
A NET?!
BSST
...!
DAAGH!
THWUD
GRAY-SAN...!!!
DAAAAGH!!
THWUD
DAAA-AAAGH!!!
THWUD

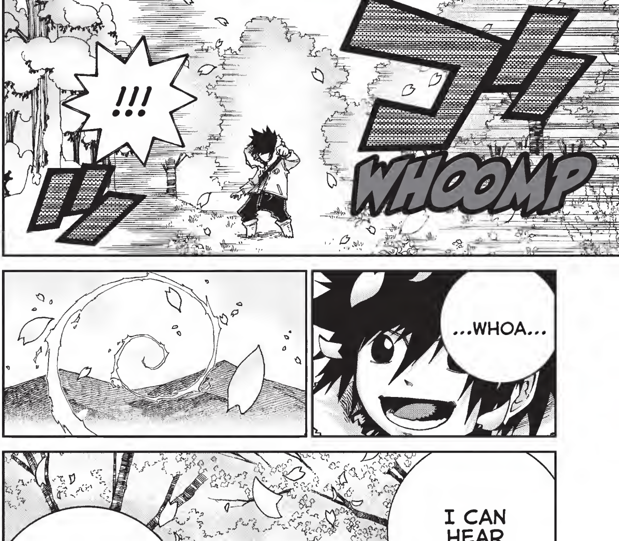

DAAH...
DAAH...
DAAHAHA! WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY NOW?
GOT A BIG CATCH THERE?
PICK PICK
?!!
...EH?!
KRAKL
KRIK
KRAK
ICE ?!!
ALSO, I'M TAKING *THIS* BACK.
DAAAAH ?!!
GUH?!
IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'RE EXCITED ALL THE TIME, OLD MAN, BUT YOUR DEFENSES ARE FULL OF HOLES.


ICE MAKE...
BAM
GROOOOOAR
?!!
ROCK BOAT!!!
WHA...
THUDUDUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
IS THIS A... BOAT COMING OUT OF THE ICE?!!
SO? NOW YOU REALLY LOOK LIKE FISHERMEN, RIGHT?!
THWAK
ZZT...
ZSSSHH
AAAAAAAAAAAAA
PWOOO


THIS IS THE WAY OUT OF THE FOREST.
THANKS. I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE HELPED ME OUT NOW.
IF ANYTHING, I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU. I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN.
BY THE WAY, GRAY-SAN. WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?
OH!
I'M HEADING WEST.
I WANT TO SEE MORE OF THE WORLD AND BECOME STRONGER.
THAT'S WHAT MY MASTER TAUGHT ME TO DO.
WHAT...? YOUR MASTER...?
YEAH... I CAN'T MEET HER ANY LONGER, THOUGH.


...
I SEE...
...THE TWO OF US SEEM TO BE COMPLETE OPPOSITES...
I'LL PROBABLY STAY HERE FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE, BRINGING ABOUT THE SEASONS.
NO, WE'RE THE SAME.
HUH?
WE'RE TAKING WHAT WE'VE BEEN GIVEN AND WALKING TOWARD THE FUTURE WITH IT.
THAT GOES FOR THE BOTH OF US, RIGHT?
YES!

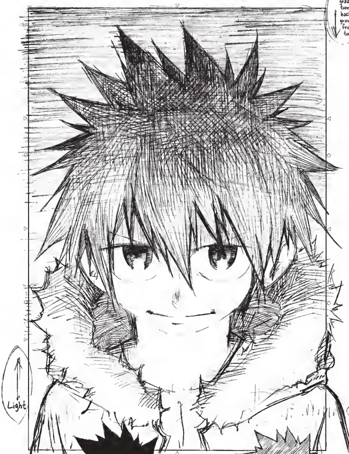

OKAY!
GRIP
BAM
GWOOSH


WHOOMP
!!!
...WHOA...
I CAN HEAR THEM.
THOSE SOUNDS ARE THE FOOTSTEPS OF SPRING!!

THE END

FAIRY TAIL:
ICE
TRAIL

ICE TRAIL OF EXTRA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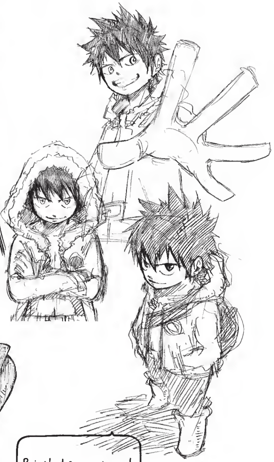

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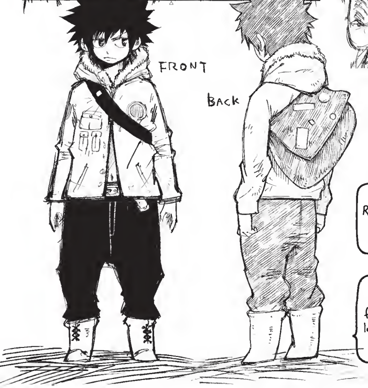

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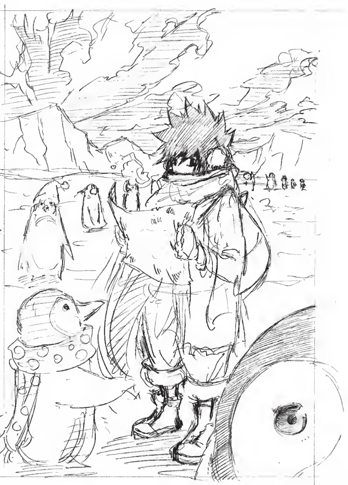

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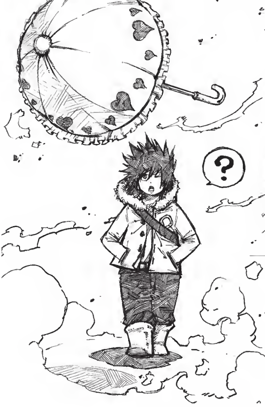

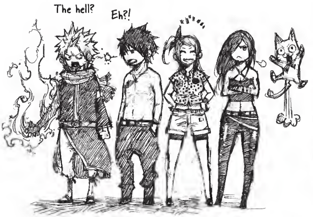

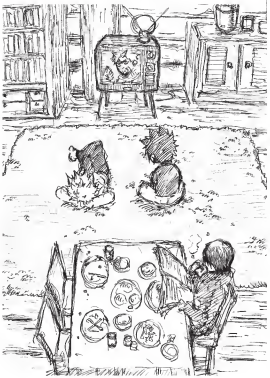

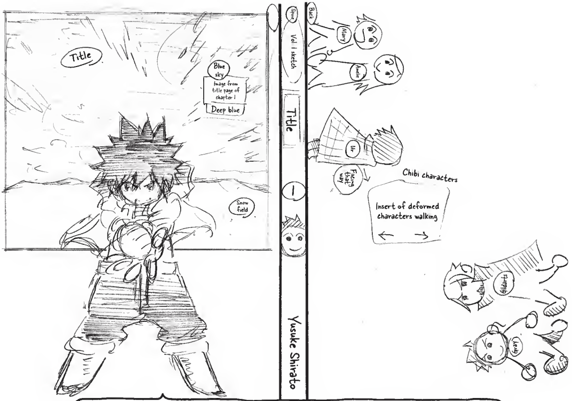
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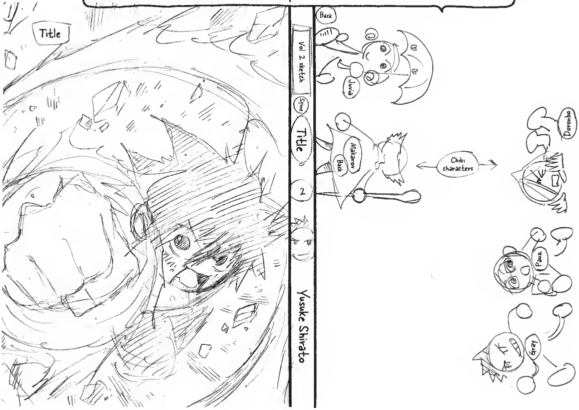
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